

# THE MESSENGER

SEPTEMBER 2022

## Let's Change Our Latitudes and Attitudes This Fall

As I sit writing, it is not the words of a theologian that are going through my head but the words of songwriter and philosopher Jimmy Buffett. In "Come Monday" he sings, "Yes, it's been quite a summer, rent-a-cars and westbound trains." Well, not many of us traveled on trains, but I have heard many plans for and stories from your vacations. In this song, Jimmy sings about how glad he is that summer is over and he can be back with his love again. While I love summer, I too am glad it is over so that we can get back into the regular rhythms of worship again.

There is so much to be excited about this fall. We have new ministries that will continue to develop through the fall like Prayer Bites and Comfort Corner. Also, I am very excited that the children's choir is coming back. You can find out about these new ministries in the coming weeks and in this Messenger. Many of our regular fall routines will also return, including Sunday school for all ages and weekly rehearsals for our musical groups.

I am most excited to announce that we have a new Bible study beginning this month where all among us who love to travel will have a chance to travel together virtually all year. We will study a different book of the Bible each week, looking at each book from the perspective of a commentator from a different country. As we study, we will virtually travel across the globe reading the Bible from many perspectives that differ from our own.

To paraphrase Jimmy Buffett, we will broaden our attitudes by changing our latitudes. Through this study we have a chance to broaden our world and the way we read our Bible. When writing about this commentary, the editor said, "These scholars have approaches and concerns that often are poles apart. Yet they share two basic convictions: biblical interpretation always matters; and reading the Bible with others is highly rewarding. They also all share the perspective that trying to take away our own contextual preconceptions is not always the best way to read the Bible. Sometimes we need to acknowledge our

context so that we can see what the Bible has to say to us in our current reality."

There are three more things to know about this study. First, it will be offered using the same material twice a week - on Sunday mornings and Tuesday nights. The Sunday morning offering will be through the Beyond class. Tuesday nights will take place at 7:30 p.m. beginning June 6. Both options will be hybrid so join us in person or from wherever you may travel. Second, we will be looking at the

Old Testament through the fall and then the New Testament beginning in Advent and spring. Over the course of the year we will have a chance to examine many books from a different perspective, whether we are familiar with them or not. I especially look forward to having my eyes opened to see how relevant a book I might ignore, such as Numbers, could be to our lives. Third, all are welcome, and you can come as you are. While we

will share the link to the commentary and tell you which book we will be studying each week, there is no prep work required. Since each week looks at a different book from the perspective of someone from a different country, you can participate any and every week that you are available.

Jimmy Buffett also said, "Life is a journey that's not measured in miles or years, but in experiences." So come join us for this study and many other experiences this fall. Please contact me at [shaw@washmorefeet.org](mailto:shaw@washmorefeet.org) for more information.

While I love summer, I too am glad it is over so that we can get back into the regular rhythms of worship.

Yours in Christ,



**Come travel the world with us:** We will spend the year virtually traveling across six continents, looking at the Bible from different perspectives. Each week is a stand-alone lesson focusing on a different country and a different book of the Bible. We will be traveling on Tuesday nights at 7:30 as an adult Bible study and will be repeated Sunday mornings in the beyond Sunday school class for the whole year. Feel free to join us all or any of the weeks that you wish. Our journey will begin on Tuesday, September 6th. Contact [shaw@washmorefeet.org](mailto:shaw@washmorefeet.org) for more information.

# 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](mailto:Shaw) for the Zoom link.

## ONLINE PRAYER REQUESTS

We are shifting the way we distribute our prayer list in order to provide more safety and security. If you wish to receive the list each week via email, please use the form on our website, <https://washmorefeet.org/prayer-ministry> to sign up. As always, we will continue to have the printed version of the prayer list available at our worship services. 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](https://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

## RE-ENTRY UPDATE

BUMC will no longer require a mask for those helping with children except those working in the nursery.

Wearing masks is not required during our services and activities but is recommended. Hand hygiene is important – feel free to use the sanitizing stations in the narthex and Lonnie's Lobby. And most of all, if you at all feel not well, even if it is just a little bit, the most loving thing you can do is to join us virtually instead of in person until you are sure you are well.

Our Re-Entry Team continues to monitor the situation, and if any changes are warranted or mandated by the county we will adjust and communicate to the congregation. In the meantime, stay safe and stay in connection with the BUMC community and with God.

## 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 sign up ([washmorefeet.org/flowers](https://washmorefeet.org/flowers)).

Questions? Contact [Sue O'Hara](mailto:Sue O'Hara).

## REV. BRYAN BAKER IS OUR PREACHER SEPTEMBER 4

Rev. Bryan Baker is an Elder of the United Methodist Church from the West Virginia Annual Conference. He is currently serving an Extension Ministry as a Pediatric Chaplain at Children's National Hospital in Washington, D.C. Chaplain Bryan's primary clinical areas include the Cardiac ICU, Heart and Kidney Unit, and Hemodialysis. Many of his patients remain at Children's National from birth through adolescence, and some carry on through adulthood. He is an Interfaith chaplain, meaning that he provides spiritual care for people of all faiths and walks of life.

Chaplain Bryan graduated from West Virginia Wesleyan College where he majored in Christian Education. He later earned his Masters of Divinity at Duke Divinity School. He has studied Apartheid in South Africa and the Rwandan Genocide in Rwanda. Bryan completed his Clinical Pastor Education Residency at WVU Medicine.

Bryan has a passion for missions that began when he was 14 years old and went to his first work camp with his church youth group. He continued serving in missions throughout college and served as a missionary of the General Board of Global Ministries. He was a District Disaster Relief Coordinator for 12 years responding to floods, mining disasters, and Hurricane Katrina on behalf of the United Methodist Church. Bryan has served as the director of two mission projects, as Senior Pastor of three United Methodist Churches, and as a Jurisdictional and General Conference delegate. He has served on the Board of Missions, Global Ministries Lead Team, and as the Conference Secretary of Global Ministries in the West Virginia Annual Conference.

His wife Jaya is a member of Bethesda United Methodist Church and they attend along with their children Elijah and Lily.

# WORSHIP AND MUSIC

## CALLING ALL ACOLYTES

**One of the most important jobs at BUMC is being an acolyte.** Acolytes help us bring the light of Christ into worship and take it out so we can serve God in the world. Because it is so important, we want to recognize you for your service on September 18 during the worship service. Please complete your training before that time. The training includes an online video, signing a covenant, and reading a short book. See me for the book and email me at [shaw@washmorefeet.org](mailto:shaw@washmorefeet.org) for more information. Looking forward to serving with you!

Rehearsals for the Sanctuary Choir and Praise Band will begin Thursday, September 1. Praise band start time is 6:30 p.m. and sanctuary choir start time is 8:00 p.m. Both meet in the sanctuary.



## **On Saturday, October 15, BUMC will resume the honored and fun tradition of the “open mic” Folk Fest.**

This musical gathering invites one and all to come and perform a song or two at church. It is risk free with an affirming and appreciative audience as well as dessert/snacks.

Folk fest has been a really fun time over the past decade or so. In fact, one member of the church told me that Folk Fest is the reason that he first came to BUMC!

You can perform any kind of song (does not have to be “folk” music). You can perform with others or solo and with the instrument of your choosing (or not). We are open to all ages and would love to have kids!

It is the safest way to release your inner melodies beyond your shower or car.

So come on down at 5:00 p.m. to the Sanctuary on Saturday, October 15 and enjoy! For more information, please contact Sharon North or John Euler.

# MISSION AND ADVOCACY

## GUN VIOLENCE PREVENTION

Please join us after worship on Sunday, September 25 (12:15 - 1:30 p.m.) for a Listening Session where we can share our thoughts on gun violence, whatever our opinions may be. We would also like to learn what role we think the church should have, if any.

We've invited Neal Christie, Executive Minister of Connected Engagement of our Baltimore-Washington Conference of the United Methodist Church, to be our facilitator as we take some time to pause, think and share. A light lunch and babysitting will be provided. We'll offer a hybrid format for those who would like to participate online. Contact Shaw@washmorefeet.org for more information.



## JUBILEE JOBS

In a world where it is so important to have a job, you can help those who need a job most. Join a group of people from our church as we go to Jubilee Jobs on Saturday, October 8 to help fill out applications, make resumes, and do mock interviews.

No experience necessary. Contact Shaw Brewer for more information (shaw@washmorefeet.org).

## CREATION CARE

Creation Care calls us to be good stewards of this beautiful world God has given us and make sure it is still here for future generations to enjoy. Our friends at Chevy Chase UMC have invited us to join their zoom book discussion of Braiding Sweetgrass by Robin Wall Kimmerer. The author is an indigenous botany professor with wonderful stories to tell about our relationship to our environment.

The virtual discussion is at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, September 12. Email susanbender@comcast.net for the zoom link. We will focus on the first section, the third section and "The Sacred and the Super Fund," pgs. 310-340. If you don't have time to read it, watch the YouTube video where Kimmerer speaks about the book.



## MISSION MONDAYS

Our next Mission Monday will be September 5 - Labor Day! We will collect sandwiches and trail mix for McKenna's Wagon, and canned goods and other non-perishable foods for Bethesda Help. Please join us in the Huntington Parkway Lot at BUMC anytime between 8:30 and 10:00 a.m. on Labor Day morning to help support hunger relief in our area! Thank you!

*'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did it to me.'* - Matthew 25:40

## URGENT FOOD NEEDS

TWO WAYS you can help with increasing food needs in our neighborhood and county. Food donations can be put in the bin in the Narthex.

1. Bethesda Help has asked specifically for PROTEIN FOOD donations. Bethesda Help is a local, non-profit organization that delivers food to over one hundred families and individuals each month, in Bethesda and the surrounding area. They purchase much of the food that they deliver and recently the protein foods given by their supplier taste terrible. They have specifically requested donations of 5 to 7 oz. cans of tuna, 10 to 12 oz. cans or pouches of chicken, 15 to 18 oz. plastic jars of peanut butter, 15 oz. cans of beans, any variety, preferably low sodium. Please place these donations in the food bin in the BUMC Narthex as soon as you can. PROTEIN FOODS will also be needed on our next collection day (Sept. 5).
2. Our BUMC Little Free Food Pantry (located along Huntington Parkway) has become very popular!! We need a variety of food donations of healthy canned and dry foods. In addition, we try to offer non-food items in our Pantry such as toilet paper, feminine products, small soap, shampoo, toothpaste and deodorant. Please add these items to your grocery list and drop off the donations any time, either directly into BUMC Food Pantry or place the donations into the Food Bin in the BUMC Narthex.

# 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 currently have a need for someone to transition into our Treasurer position for the upcoming term, as well as openings for an **Annual Conference Delegate** and a **Vice Chair** for our **Church Council**.

Please prayerfully consider how God might be calling you to serve this year and feel free to reach out to us or any of our current leaders listed below.

**Lay Leadership Committee co-chair:** Debbie Reed-Gillette

**Lay Leader:** Karen Fratantoni

## OUR CHURCH COUNCIL

**Co-Chairs:**

Lynn Ricciardella  
Pat Kirwan

**Vice Chair:** Open

**Secretary:** Bill Allman  
**Treasurer:** Heidi Hanson

**Lay Leader:** Karen Fratantoni  
**AC Delegate:** Open

**Worship Rep:**  
Bill Allman  
Sue O'Hara

**Connect Rep:**  
Mary Ann Toomey  
Rebecca Conley

**Grow Rep:**

Janine Gregory  
Lisa Nevans-Locke

**Serve Rep:**

Shannon Snypp  
Susan Bender

**Youth Rep:** Open  
**Young Adult Rep:** Open

**Trustees Chair:** Jamie Hays  
**SPRC Chair:** John Euler  
**Finance Chair:** Bob Gillette  
**Stewardship Rep:** Mike Moran

# CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

## KICK OFF SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 11

We are excited to resume Sunday School on September 11 at 10:00 AM! Please plan to walk your children to their classroom, so that you can complete a registration form for each child. These will be available online, if you want to complete forms at home and bring them in, or they will be available in each classroom.

Children will be learning about the story of Joseph, as Sunday School classes resume this fall. We will have a younger class for grades PreK - Grade 2 that will be meeting upstairs in Room 102. Our older class for Grades 3 - 5 will be meeting downstairs in the Chapel room (across from the youth room).

### KIDS WITH PURPOSE

Kids with Purpose will take place for children in PreK - Grade 3 during worship. Children will depart the service after the Children's Message to go to Room 104 with their Kids with Purpose Teachers. We ask parents to pick up children in Kids with Purpose on September 11, so that registration forms can be completed for children participating in this program. Usually children return to their parents at the end of the service, but on September 11, please plan to pick up your child(ren) in Room 104 immediately after worship.

We are grateful for all of our teachers! We could use some additional help in our older Elementary Class, so if you are willing to teach or assist on any given Sunday, please be in touch with Kara Peace (kpeace@washmorefeet.org) or Dennis Williams (dennis@washmorefeet.org).

### TEACHERS

**Grades PreK - 2:** Amanda Kantner, Meg McKinney, Rachel Ortiz, Amy Rosacker

**Grades 3 - 5:** Jae Edmonds, Janet Edmonds, Julie Petrossian

Caryn Voland will be leading some Service Sundays for our older children.

**Kids with Purpose:** Emily Cevallos, Laura Sim, Susan Bender, Lynn Ricciardella, David Decker

Let no one despise your youth, but set the believers an example in speech and conduct, in love, in faith, in purity. - 1 Timothy 4:12

### CHILDREN'S CHOIR DATES 2022-2023

We are thrilled to be reigniting our Children's Choir program this Fall at BUMC.. Rehearsals will be held every Sunday at 9:30 am beginning Sunday, September 4th. We know that every family is busy and we hope that weekly rehearsals will allow as many children as possible to participate. Below are all of the dates children will sing in worship this year. If you have anymore questions please reach out to Max Nolin (max@washmorefeet.org) directly.

### CHILDREN'S CHOIR WORSHIP DATES

**September 18th-** Bible Presentation Sunday

**October 30th-** Children's Sabbath

**November 20th-** Thanks & Giving Sunday

**December 18th-** Children's Christmas Pageant

**February 26th-** Lent

**April 2nd-** Palm Sunday

**May 14th-** Mother's Day

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# YOUTH MINISTRIES

## JOIN US FOR KICK OFF SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

I would like to extend a warm welcome back from your summer vacation! I hope that this much-needed break was relaxing after a very full year last year. I am beyond excited to begin our 2022-2023 school year because that means we are back to connecting, serving, and growing together in our amazing youth ministries at Bethesda United Methodist Church!

## SUNDAY SCHOOL

We are excited to resume Sunday School on September 11 at 10:00 a.m.! The vision for Sunday school this year is a laid back, topical, discussion-based devotional time three Sundays a month with a "Sunday Social" once a month. The first Sunday of each month we will have a "Sunday Social" focused on fellowship. This Sunday, we will enjoy refreshments together, play games, share prayer concerns, and pray for one another. During regular Sunday School, to start, we will spend time socializing, or playing ping pong/pool. Next, we will gather to talk about our weeks and catch up. To finish, we will participate in our topical devotion time that will typically consist of scripture reading, a brief explanation from the devotion leader, and discussion questions. The best part about these discussions? The topics are chosen by YOU!

Youth Ministries at BUMC		
September'22		
4	Last day of Summer Schedule No Sunday School	No UMYF
11	10am Sunday School Sunday Social, Light food *Youth Room	UMYF 6-7:30 Yard Games in the park *Dinner Served
18	10am Sunday School *Youth Room	UMYF 6-7:30 Serve Night *Youth Room
25	10am Sunday School *Youth Room	UMYF 6-7:30 Grow Night *Youth Room

## COMMON GROUND

The youth praise band is looking for new singers and instrumentalists of all types. Common Ground has been a part of BUMC youth for longer than many of you have been alive! Common Ground rehearses on select Mondays at 8:00 p.m. (about twice a month) in the Sanctuary with Chris Warrington. Common Ground leads music at Worship Feasts and Evensongs throughout the year and occasionally on special morning worship services like Student Sunday and Youth Sunday. Interested in joining? If so please contact [Kpeace@washmorefeet.org](mailto:Kpeace@washmorefeet.org) or [Chris@washmorefeet.org](mailto:Chris@washmorefeet.org).

## SUNDAY MORNING 11:00 AM WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Are you looking for a way to actively participate in the worship service or just simply give yourself a new reason to come to church on Sunday morning? Let's face it, going to church can be a hard thing to encourage yourself to do. Why not encourage yourself through participating in new ways? We are looking for youth scripture readers, greeters, tech booth operators, and more. If you would like to know more, please reach out to Kara Peace!

## UNITED METHODIST YOUTH FELLOWSHIP (UMYF)

Just like last year, each month we will dedicate time to Connect, Serve, and Grow! This means we will have at least one social event, one service project, and one faith formation night. We are also changing our regular meeting time to 6:00-7:30 p.m. (When events require, we will meet earlier in the day on Sundays.) We have some great events planned for the fall like a Worship Feast, our annual Butler's Orchard hayride and campfire, friendsgiving, a Night in Bethlehem Christmas event, and more!

In September, we will Connect, Serve and Grow in that order! On the 11th from 6:00-7:30 p.m. all 6th-12th graders are invited to eat dinner and play yard games in the park! Meet at the Huntington Parkway entrance at 6:00 and we'll walk over together. Stay tuned for more information about our service project on the 18th (MY BIRTHDAY WHOO!) and Grow night on the 25th.

See the Youth or BUMC Calendar for up-to-date information about when, where and what is going on. Hope to see you soon!  
*Kara Peace* ([Kpeace@washmorefeet.org](mailto:Kpeace@washmorefeet.org))

# SPECIAL ACTIVITIES

## ALL CHURCH FIELD TRIP: (BIKE OR DRIVE) TO JOSIAH HENSON MUSEUM on Sunday, October 16

All are welcome to tour the Josiah Henson Museum, 11410 Old Georgetown Road, North Bethesda, on Sunday, October 16. Bring a bag lunch and we can all eat together in the BUMC Narthex after the service. Bikers will leave for the museum at 12:30 p.m. The 4.3 mile bike ride along the Bethesda Trolley Trail will take about 45 minutes. We will ride up to Whole Foods and turn left onto Executive Blvd., then left onto Nicholson Lane, and finally, left onto Old Georgetown Road to go two blocks south to the museum.

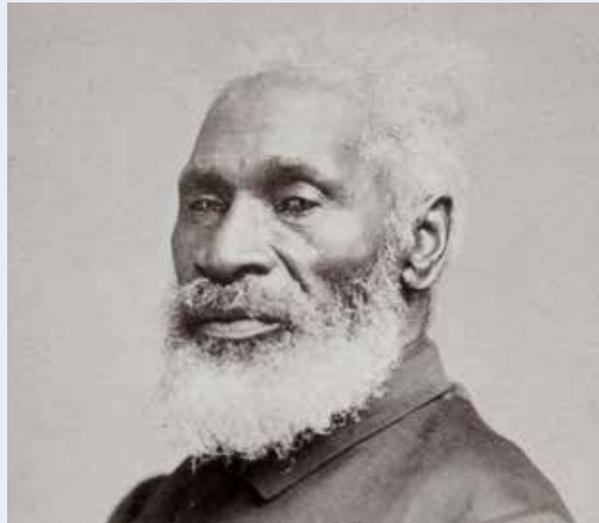
Drivers can leave BUMC around 1:00 p.m. Wear comfortable shoes because parking is available only at the Kennedy Shriver Aquatic Center, located 1.5 blocks away at 5900 Executive Boulevard, North Bethesda. Limited accessible parking only is available at Henson Park.

There is a small admission charge.

Contact Janet Edmonds for more information. [j.edmonds@erols.com](mailto:j.edmonds@erols.com).



**Josiah Henson Museum & Park** is the former plantation property of Isaac Riley where Reverend Josiah Henson was enslaved. This park is a historic resource of local, state, national and international significance because of its association with Reverend Henson, whose 1849 autobiography, *The Life of Josiah Henson, Formerly a Slave, Now an Inhabitant of Canada* inspired Harriet Beecher Stowe's landmark novel, *Uncle Tom's Cabin*. The Park contains the historic Riley/Bolten House (1800-15) and its attached log kitchen (1850-51). Ongoing archaeological excavations seek to find where Josiah Henson may have lived on the site.



## Q& A: LGBTQ+ ISSUES AND THE CHURCH

September 21 at 7:00 PM

contact Dennis Williams ([dennis@washmorefeet.org](mailto:dennis@washmorefeet.org)) for info

## CHURCH CONFERENCE

Each local church reports the status of its mission and service to the annual conference under the leadership of the District Superintendent. The BUMC's Church Conference is on Sunday, October 2 at 3:30 p.m. by Zoom.

If you are a committee chair, please submit your report to Kris Hoxha at [khoxha@washmorefeet.org](mailto:khoxha@washmorefeet.org). The deadline is Thursday, September 15. Thank you for your service and leadership.

# MEMBERSHIP UPDATES

## SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

Reuben & Tammy Alexander	September 09	20 yrs
Joanna Miller & Lachlan Bell	September 15	4 yrs
Horacio & Alison Chacon	September 06	36 yrs
Dawn & Neil Christerson	September 28	20 yrs
Jeff & Darlene Forte	September 12	52 yrs
Shiro Gnanaselvam & Hamid Davoodi	September 20	25 yrs

### Comfort Corner

Come all who need comfort and rest: Jesus said, "Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest." Whether it is dealing with a diagnosis, losing a loved one, caring for a loved one, or just needing a safe place to share your burdens for any other reason - we all have times when we need to feel the comfort of God. And, we all have times when we wish there was a place just to be honest and lay down our burdens among people who care. The comfort corner is that place. Join us one Monday each month when we will have a short meditation, a time for all to share their concerns in the community of Christ, and then a love feast (usually a cookie and juice). Our first meeting is September 19 at 7:30 p.m. in the narthex. All are welcome.

### Calling All Men of BUMC - Men's BBQ Gathering!

Men of all ages are invited to a casual BBQ at the home of Neil Gregory (5204 Wilson Lane, Bethesda) on Wednesday, September 7, from 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. The evening will be a great opportunity to get to know each other better and discuss how we can build community among the church men.

Meat and meatless grilled items and sides will be provided. Please bring the (alcoholic or non-alcoholic) beverage of your choice. Please RSVP to [neilfgregory@icloud.com](mailto:neilfgregory@icloud.com) by September 5.

### Young Adults Brunch

Young adults, come brunch with us! Join us after church on September 18. We will meet in the narthex and find a place to go and have brunch together. If you are in your 20's or 30's, this is a place for you. Come as we share brunch and figure out our next steps. Contact Shaw for more information ([shaw@washmorefeet.org](mailto:shaw@washmorefeet.org)).

## SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

September 01	Shelley Yeutter
September 02	Jeff Forte Joy Harwood Noemi Kang Adam Park
September 05	Julia Coffey Victoria Pannullo
September 06	Sydney Pimentel
September 07	Summer Smith
September 09	Karen Fratantoni
September 11	Selva Gnanaselvam Emma Pannullo Linda Petursdottir
September 12	Mia Greene
September 13	Keya Balasundaram Max Raue Julie Toohey
September 14	Gail Smith
September 15	Brian Diamond Josiah Peace
September 16	Jennifer Gunnarsson Amelia Montagnino Noah Potter Sam Potter
September 17	Hernan Altamar Mackenzie Early
September 18	Kara Peace Hannah Williams Madison Young
September 20	Meg McKinney Donald Ross
September 21	Dee Carden
September 22	Paul Whitaker Victor Eichenwald Bruce Smith Garrett Young
September 24	Elijah Baker Aidan Jones Zachary Weiland
September 25	Matt Nau
September 26	Grace Christerson Neil Li Megan Raue
September 27	Sebastian Altamar Lincoln Yeutter
September 28	Tina Fowler Jennifer Kirvan James Long Troy Townsend
September 29	John Blackwelder Amelia Butera Ann O'Malley



# re-imagining church

come alive!

God gave us two hands, one to give and one to receive. Today I want to talk to you about the giving hand. BUMC has done a remarkable job in the last nearly three pandemic-stressed years to sustain its spiritual leadership, to keep up our buildings and grounds, to support our outstanding staff that do so much to make our church such a special place for worship and a place of sanctuary, and to keep healthy our many and varied program offerings.

But our church faces significant financial challenges in the year ahead. We experienced a budget shortfall of \$40,000 last year and inflation is impacting our church just as it is all else in our society. The church's physical plant needs attention, and we must maintain the support of our staff who are the enablers of so much that makes BUMC such a special place to worship and to congregate.

Our church will raise \$900,000 through this Fall's Stewardship Campaign to meet our budget needs for the year ahead. To do so we will rely on the donor community who has given so generously over the years, and we are confident we will do so this year again. But we are also asking that every member of our church community contribute at some level to our Stewardship initiative at whatever dollar amount each of you can afford. Yes, a tall order, but we are seeking 100 percent Stewardship participation by the congregation this year in order to meet our budgetary needs for the year ahead.

Your Stewardship team has been working hard through the summer to frame the approach to our Stewardship initiative for this year and in making the initial pledge contacts. We are asking you to take to heart the financial needs of the church and to give generously when you fill out your pledge card or make your commitment online.

Your Stewardship pledge is an investment in the future of BUMC and all that it offers as a thriving and welcoming Christian community. The Team thanks you for your support in the past and looks forward to that continued healthy financial support for the year ahead.

With appreciation,

Mike Mitchell  
Stewardship Team Lead

## Church Picnic

September 11, 2022

12:00 p.m.

**Church alley and parking lot (We will gather in Founders Hall if it is raining.)**

Grab your lawn chair or picnic blanket and join us for food and fellowship at an All-Church Picnic at 12:00 p.m. on Sunday, September 11, immediately following the worship service. It will be our kick-off Sunday, and the worship will be at 11:00 a.m. The church will provide hamburgers, hot dogs, buns, and drinks. We look forward to enjoying each other's company in person once again.

# SEPTEMBER 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>28</p> <p><b>Beth's Farewell</b></p> <p>10am - Kids with</p> <p>10am - Summer</p> <p>12:30pm - Child/Youth</p> <p>12:45pm - Safe</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30</p> <p>10am - Staff Meeting</p> <p>7pm - Capital Carillon</p> <p>7pm - Safe</p>	<p>31</p> <p>12pm - Taizé Prayer</p> <p>7:30pm - Child/Youth</p> <p>8pm - Faith &amp;</p>	<p>1</p> <p>12pm - Prayer Call</p> <p>6:30pm - Praise Band</p> <p>8pm - Sanctuary Choir</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>3</p>
<p>4</p> <p>9:30am - Children's</p> <p>10am - Kids with</p> <p>10am - Summer</p>	<p>5</p> <p><b>Labor Day - Office</b></p> <p>8:30am - Mission</p>	<p>6</p> <p>10am - Staff Meeting</p> <p>7pm - Capital Carillon</p>	<p>7</p> <p>12pm - Taizé Prayer</p> <p>7pm - Men's Group</p>	<p>8</p> <p>12pm - Prayer Call</p> <p>6:30pm - Praise Band</p> <p>7pm - Trustees</p> <p>8pm - Sanctuary Choir</p>	<p>9</p>	<p>10</p>
<p>11</p> <p><b>Kick-Off</b></p> <p>9:30am - Children's</p> <p>10am - Sunday School</p> <p>10:45am - PTR Class</p> <p>11am - Blended</p>	<p>12</p> <p>7:30pm - Bethesda</p> <p>7:30pm - Folk Fest @</p>	<p>13</p> <p>10am - Staff Meeting</p> <p>7pm - Capital Carillon</p>	<p>14</p> <p>12pm - Taizé Prayer</p> <p>7:30pm - Church</p>	<p>15</p> <p>12pm - Prayer Call</p> <p>6:30pm - Praise Band</p> <p>8pm - Sanctuary Choir</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17</p>
<p>18</p> <p><b>Bible Presentation</b></p> <p>9:30am - Children's</p> <p>10am - Sunday School</p> <p>10:45am - PTR Class</p> <p>11am - Blended</p> <p>11am - Kids with</p>	<p>19</p> <p>7:30pm - Bethesda</p>	<p>20</p> <p>10am - Staff Meeting</p> <p>7pm - Capital Carillon</p>	<p>21</p> <p>12pm - Taizé Prayer</p>	<p>22</p> <p>12pm - Prayer Call</p> <p>6:30pm - Praise Band</p> <p>8pm - Sanctuary Choir</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24</p>
<p>25</p> <p>9:30am - Children's</p> <p>10am - Sunday School</p> <p>10:45am - PTR Class</p> <p>11am - Blended</p> <p>11am - Kids with</p> <p>12pm - Gun Violence</p>	<p>26</p> <p>10am - Beth El - Rosh</p> <p>7:30pm - Bethesda</p>	<p>27</p> <p>10am - Staff Meeting</p> <p>7pm - Capital Carillon</p>	<p>28</p> <p>12pm - Taizé Prayer</p> <p>7:45pm - Women's</p>	<p>29</p> <p>12pm - Prayer Call</p> <p>6:30pm - Praise Band</p> <p>8pm - Sanctuary Choir</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>1</p>

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