THE MESSENGER
OCTOBER 2022

Bethesda United Methodist Church is a Reconciling Congregation

BUMC has received a number of new members since the church voted to affiliate with the Reconciling Ministries Network (RMN) in October 2019. Many new members may not be familiar with the term 'Reconciling Congregation' in the context of the United Methodist Church (UMC). Moreover, the Covid Pandemic over the course of the last nearly three years has impacted many aspects of church operation, including our ability to meet in person during the period of the shutdown, the nature in which the church conducts its array of ministries, and the pace at which it has been able to implement a number of the policies to which it is committed.

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This article provides background on the meaning of a Reconciling Congregation in the context of the United Methodist Church, and the manner in which BUMC has committed to implement its policy as a reconciled church, as it will continue to do so in the future.

The **Reconciling Ministries Network** is an organization seeking the inclusion of people of all sexual orientations and gender identities in both the policy and the practices of the United Methodist Church. It is one of a number of Welcoming Congregation organizations to emerge in American Christian churches in the 1980s. The Reconciling Ministries Network includes 1,180 UMC organizations, including UMC churches, church subgroups, and campus ministries, and numbers 42,161 individuals.

RECONCILING MINISTRIES NETWORK
A Reconciling Congregation

In 2014 BUMC began a lengthy conversation about and study of Reconciliation and what it means to be a Reconciling Congregation. In September 2015, BUMC approved a new welcoming statement affirmatively welcoming brothers and sisters of differing sexual orientations and gender identities:

"We are a congregation that welcomes all with open hearts, open minds, and open doors. Our faith is deeply rooted in the Methodist tradition of social justice, and we support the inclusion of all in every aspect of the life of the church. We are more than the sum of our parts. We are a community of believers, doubters, and seekers of all ages, from all corners of the earth. Our church family is made up of people of differing sexual orientations and gender identities and we affirm and celebrate all of them. We are socially, politically, and theologically diverse, yet we are one in the body of Christ. We welcome everyone who wishes to join us as we strive to order our lives in the way of the footwasher, Jesus Christ, to love our God, to love our neighbors and to bring peace, kindness, and justice to a world in need."

In 2019 at the conclusion of its deliberation process the church voted overwhelmingly in favor of affiliating with the RMN. In so doing the Pastors, the Lay Leaders, and the congregation committed to the tenets of reconciliation as enunciated in the following statement:

"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."

Since its 2019 decision to become a Reconciling Congregation, despite the intrusion of the Covid Pandemic and the challenges that it has posed to the routine function of the church, BUMC has moved forward in a number of ways to reflect its commitment to Reconciliation.

In order to make certain of the public awareness of this commitment, BUMC this year registered on the network of United Methodist Churches as a congregation in the Washington area that has adopted Reconciliation as its formal policy. BUMC donates annually to the Reconciling Ministries Network and to the Baltimore Washington Area Reconciling Ministries. The church also joined the list of churches that support Partners

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in Harmony, which supports music programs for gay men and youth in the Washington, DC area. As a result, BUMC is recognized by the Gay Men's Chorus of Washington DC as a Partner in Harmony, and the Gay Men's Chorus of Washington, DC recommends BUMC as a faith-based community for members of the LGBTQ+ community. In April of this year our church extended an invitation to the Gay Men's Chorus of Washington, DC to perform at BUMC. While that invitation has not yet been accepted, the invitation stands.

BUMC's Outreach, Advocacy, and Action Committee Acts Fund has provided a donation to a Washington DC-based organization that protects the rights of and assists transgender youth, and stands ready to provide additional funding to the individuals who want to recognize similar organizations. In June, BUMC supported the local Pride Festival with its own booth, and shared BUMC's welcoming brochures with the public. Reverend HiRho encouraged starting an LGBTQAI+ community support group, and Dennis Williams of our congregation began the group in September of this year. We are planning to celebrate National Coming Out Day on October 11.

As a visible public sign of its commitment as a Reconciling Congregation, the Church Council has approved a resolution for a visible display (likely a banner) pending determination of county requirements on signs and banners and the development of three design options to be presented to it by the Outreach, Advocacy, and Action Committee of the Council later this fall.

Furthermore, the BUMC is committed to the topic of Reconciliation as one of the "listening sessions" that it will conduct. The listening sessions are a means to transparently learn from each other and to build relationships in our Christian community around policies and issues of interest and concern to the congregation. The sessions are not a means to reassess or retract policy issues to which the church is committed. All members of the congregation are invited and encouraged to participate in the ambitious schedule of listening sessions, including the listening session devoted LGBTQAI+ issues.

Bethesda United Methodist Church has begun the challenging and exciting process of reimagining itself as a Christian community coming out of the difficult period of the Covid Pandemic, and as we move further into the third decade of the 21st century. As we do so we will refine what it means for us to be a Reconciled United Methodist Church, a policy to which BUMC is affirmatively committed and from which we will not retreat.

Reverend HiRho Park	Lead Pastor
Pat Kirwan	Church Council Co-Chair
Lynn Ricciardella	Church Council Co-Chair
Mike Mitchell	Stewardship Team Leader

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 Dr. Shaw Brewer. 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.

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
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.

COVID Update

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

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.

re-imagining church

come alive!

STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN UPDATE

On September 11 at our Sunday service, we formally kicked off our pledge campaign for the coming budget year. I am pleased to report that since the campaign kickoff we have made significant progress toward the $900,000 in pledge commitments needed to meet our 2023 budget requirements. At this point in the campaign we have received 52 online or hard copy pledges totaling **$403,923.39.**

The Stewardship Team has reached out to many members of the congregation, and will continue to work through its contact plan to encourage formal pledge commitments from the congregation. The pledge commitment is an essential planning tool for our ministerial and lay leaders to plan our church programs and ministries effectively and efficiently.

While we feel that we will need a minimum of 300 pledge units for the 2023 budget, as I stated in my remarks on September 11, our goal is to receive a pledge commitment from everyone in the church. **If every congregant who has not pledged in the past will formally commit to a minimum pledge of $10 a month, or $120 a year, we will be virtually assured of meeting our pledge goal based on our progress to date.**

So, I prayerfully ask that each of you who have not pledged in the past make an online or pledge card commitment to BUMC this year. And, I gratefully thank those who have made their pledge commitment already in support of the church for the year ahead.

Mike Mitchell
Stewardship Team Leader

OCTOBER 11 IS NATIONAL COMING OUT DAY

Come and join us on the evening of October 11 at 7:00 p.m. in the Founder's Hall for a time of support, conversations, and worship for the LBGTQAI+ community and their allies. We will share our faith journey as LBGTQAI+ and Allies. How do we heal and support one another as friends, as members of Bethesda United Methodist Church, and as the church as a whole? If you have any questions, please contact Dennis Williams at dennis@washmorefeet.org.

SPECIAL PROGRAMS

GET READY FOR FOLK FEST ON SATURDAY, OCTOBER 15

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.

OCTOBER 30 LISTENING SESSION: IMMIGRATION

A team of BUMC leaders has participated in the A Diverse Church by Design: Cross-Racial and Cross-Cultural Leadership Certificate Program from July 2021 to July 2022. The program introduced a biblically based experimental approach to diversity and inclusion. Using the Design Thinking Process, the program helped the participating churches (about thirty UMC churches having cross-racial and cross-cultural appointments in the Baltimore-Washington Annual Conference) to come up with a contextualized solution or solutions for their problems regarding issues around diversity and inclusion.

By interviewing random BUMC members, the team discovered that our church needed a space where people could come and express their opinions on potentially controversial topics without judgment. As a result, the team decided to conduct listening sessions on topics such as gun violence prevention, women in ministry, immigration, sexism, sexuality, racism, and more.

A listening session is about learning from each other by listening deeply to diverse opinions and experiences about a topic. It is not about debating, discussing, or making decisions. Instead, a listening session is about sharing food for thoughts as we honor the unity of the faith community, acknowledging diversity. We had one listening session on gun violence prevention in September, which was well attended. People felt they were heard and learned from each other by listening to one another.

On October 30, we will have a listening session on immigration issues. We will gather in the Fellowship Hall right after church. BUMC members who have immigrated to this country will share their experiences. All are welcome!

BUMC MEN'S NIGHT OUT

Having a fun conversation with BUMC guys over a drink after a long day will energize your mind and spirit. Meet us at Rock Bottom Restaurant & Brewery, 7900 Norfolk Ave. Bethesda, MD, on October 19, Wednesday, at 6:00 p.m. See you there!

MISSION AND ADVOCACY

GUN VIOLENCE PREVENTION

Monday, October 3 at 7:30 p.m. via Zoom - GVP Ministry meets to follow-up on our Listening Session and make plans for the coming months. We'll also hear how the GVP discussion with our youth group went. Contact susanbender@comcast.net for more information.

Sunday, October 23 5:00 til 6:30 p.m. - Benefit concert for TraRon Center. Concert held in sanctuary of National United Methodist Church, 3401 Nebraska Ave., NW. ($20 tickets, all proceeds go to TraRon). TraRon, located in DC, aims to equip children affected by gun violence with healthy ways to deal with their trauma. Contact susanbender@comcast.net if you'd like to carpool from BUMC.

Learn more about TraRon by visiting their website, http://traroncenter.org. and watch a special documentary on PBS Wednesday, October 5 at 10:00 p.m. that features TraRon.

FOSTER CARE MINISTRY

The BUMC Foster Care Ministry would like to invite any interested persons to help sort children's clothing on Sunday, October 23 after the service from 12:15 to 2:00. Bring a bag lunch to eat in the fellowship hall and then meet us in the lower floor of BUMC, between the fellowship hall and the elevator. Over the past year, it has been our pleasure to be able to help foster care parents to provide clothing and baby equipment for their foster children. At this time the BUMC Foster Care Closet is taking donations of second-hand winter coats, size infant to size 14, baby swings and double strollers, all in good condition. For more information you can contact Heather Miller, heather.l.b.miller@gmail.com or Shelley Yeutter, swyeutter@gmail.com.

MISSION MONDAYS

Our next Mission Monday will be October 3, 2022. We will collect meat and cheese sandwiches and trail mix for Martha's Table, and non-perishable foods for Bethesda Help. Also consider protein foods: 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 join us in the Huntington Parking Lot between 8:30 until 10:00 am to help feed the hungry in our area! If you have questions, please contact Nancy (smithnancy@verizon.net) or Bruce (smithbruce@verizon.net). Thank you for your support.

BETHESDA HELP

An all-volunteer, non-profit 501(c)(3) organization, Bethesda Help has been serving the greater Bethesda area for over 50 years. Bethesda Help provides critical safety net services, including food assistance and limited financial assistance, to neighbors in need.

Monday through Friday, our 90+ volunteer force responds to calls for food and financial assistance for rent, utilities, and prescriptions. They shop for food, stock the pantry shelves, and deliver food to clients.

November and December holidays will soon be here. Along with the shelf-stable food we deliver, we are hoping to give $20 Giant or Safeway gift cards to our clients during these months so they can purchase the additional foods to fill their holiday dinner tables.

Your support for this project would be greatly appreciated. You may use PayPal or credit cards (see our website at www.bethesdahelp.org) or checks may be mailed to Bethesda Help, Inc., P.O. Box 34094, Bethesda, MD 20827-0094. Please note "Holiday Gift Card Drive" on your check.

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 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

SUNDAY SCHOOL

We are off to a great start with our children's Sunday School! It is wonderful to see our children and teachers discussing some of the great stories from the Hebrew Bible, our Old Testament. October lessons will include stories from Exodus. We have a younger class for grades PreK - Grade 2 that meets upstairs in Room 102. Our older class for Grades 3 - 5 meets downstairs in the Chapel room (across from the youth room).

KIDS WITH PURPOSE

In October, KWP will be praying for our friends and family. We will make prayer boxes and prayer reminders. We will also work on treats for the NIH Children's Inn and assemble Halloween gift bags for them. We are always looking for adult volunteers. The classroom materials and lesson plans will be provided for you. Sign up by using this QR code =>

FAMILY HAYRIDE AND BONFIRE

The Children's Ministry Committee invites families and children to join us at Butler's Orchard in Germantown on Saturday, October 22 at 6:30 p.m. for a hayride and bonfire. We will provide ingredients for hotdogs and s'mores, as well as the roasting sticks. Please bring your own drinks and sides. The cost is $10 per person.

Please RSVP to Dennis (Dennis@washmorefeet.org) by October 15 so we can plan for food. Be sure to let us know how many people are coming and provide your contact information/best way to reach you, so we can send details closer to the event and updates.

TRICK OR TREAT FOR UNICEF

Wear your costume to church on Sunday, October 30, and adults, bring your change during the 11:00 a.m. service! Our children will collect change for UNICEF which is an organization that has helped save more children's lives than any other humanitarian organization by providing health care and immunizations, safe water and sanitation, nutrition, education, emergency relief and more.

Families are invited to be part of Children's Sabbath on Sunday, October 30 at 11:00 a.m. This special day offers a wonderful opportunity for children to help lead all aspects of worship. Whether you will be online or in-person, there are lots of ways to participate! Children are welcome to team up with siblings, parents, or even their grandparents. Some of the ways your child can be involved include presenting a special musical offering, reading the scripture lesson, leading a prayer, sharing a reflection on our scripture, or serving as an acolyte. Please email Kara Peace kpeace@washmorefeet.org and let us know how your child wants to participate!

CHILDREN'S CHOIR DATES 2022-2023

We are thrilled at how well our Children's Choir program is already doing this fall at BUMC. Our first performance was September 18 and we thank everyone who participated. Rehearsals will continue to be held every Sunday at 9:30 a.m. 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 any more questions please reach out to Max Nolin (max@washmorefeet.org) directly.

CHILDREN'S CHOIR WORSHIP DATES

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

Youth Ministries

Join us this month for a variety of events and activities with BUMC Youth Ministries. More detailed information can be found in our weekly emails as well as the "band" group. Please fill out the 2022-2023 Registration Form if you have not already done so.

Youth Sunday School

Meet us Sundays at 10:00 a.m. in the youth room! Youth Sunday School is unlike any other! First, we get to spend time socializing, or playing ping pong/ pool. Next, we 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! In September we talked about joy and abundance! October 2nd will be a Sunday Social which includes light breakfast and a social hour.

New Communication App

This year we are rolling out a brand new communication strategy using the app BAND. BAND is a FREE group communication app that helps over 20 million groups across the world to stay connected. Do you ever feel completely lost when navigating the hundreds of emails your family gets a week? With Band, our group will have access to amazing features like group board, calendar, RSVP, chat, poll and more. I will be using this app to share our updated calendar, reminders for events, pictures from those events, sign ups, and more. Of course you will still have access to the monthly messenger and weekly email but this app will allow our communication to be MUCH easier. PLEASE download the app ASAP so your family does not miss out on any information. Any youth, parent or both at BUMC can join our group. Like many other apps used in the school system in MCPS, this is one that is parent approved and easy to use.

To join, please go to https://band.us/n/aea875K1I1I3X on your phone or desktop, or use your phone to snag that QR code.

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

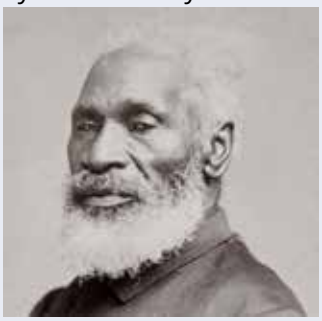
All are welcome to tour the Josiah Henson Museum, 11410 Old Georgetown Road, North Bethesda, on Sunday, October 16. Bring a bag lunch and we can all eat together in the BUMC Narthex after the service. Bikers will leave for the museum at 12:30 p.m. The 4.3 mile bike ride along the Bethesda Trolly Trail 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.

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.



Membership Updates

October Anniversaries

October 5	Gary & Judy Kushnier	27 yrs
October 6	Bonnie & Bill Noonan	21 yrs
	Carolyn & Martin Kushnier	60 yrs
	Francesca Ugolini & John Borchert	4 yrs
October 8	Amelia & Scott Butera	17 yrs
October 12	Susie & Vince Sabatano	20 yrs

Comfort Corner

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). All are welcome.

Theology on Tap is Back

All young adults in their 20s to 30s are invited to Rock Bottom Brewery Wednesday October 26 at 7:00 pm for discussion, food and drink.

October Birthdays

October 1	Kathryn Leverenz
	Amelia Whitaker
October 2	Pria Dahiya
	Joanna Miller
	Max Nolin
October 4	David Dansie
October 5	Abigail Koenig
	Alex Ortiz
	Anjali Vadlamudi
October 6	Dylan King
October 7	Caleb Jackson
October 8	David Balasundaram
	Jack Fisher
October 11	Jeanine Greene
October 12	Tyler McClellan
	Cole Pritchett
October 13	Peg McKay
	Charles North
October 15	Hazel Alexander
	Campbell Jacobi
October 16	Caroline Wilkins
October 17	Mike Koenig
October 18	Nicholas Giuliano Jr.
October 20	Mary Page
	Taline Petrossian
October 21	Chloe Cevallos
October 22	Debbie Rowan
	Nicholas Wilkins
October 23	Peter Rowan
October 24	Tara Davoodi
October 25	Audrey Iversen
October 26	Melissa Lessenberry
October 27	Richard Carr
October 28	Riley Williams
October 29	Liz Helke
	Adelaide Torgeson

I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.

- John 13:34-35

OCTOBER 2022

BUMC Calendar

Oct 2022 (Eastern Time - New York)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
25 9:30am - Children's Choir 9:45am - PTR Class @ Room 10am - Sunday School 11am - Blended Worship @ 11am - Kids with Purpose @	26 10am - Congregation Beth El 7:30pm - Bethesda Bells @	27 10am - Staff Meeting (in- 7pm - Capital Carillon @ 7:30pm - Online Bible Study	28 12pm - Taizé Prayer Service 6:30pm - Women's Potluck @ 7pm - Troop 204 @ Middle 7pm - Troop 204 Parents @	29 12pm - Prayer Call (online) 6:30pm - Praise Band @ 8pm - Sanctuary Choir @	30 Children's Committee Retreat @ Bethany Beach, Delaware	1 11am - Memorial Service 12pm - Reception @
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