Welcome to Bethesda UMC

Sunday, February 5, 2023

Reconciling Ministries Network

OUR STATEMENT OF WELCOME

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.

We're Glad You Are Here Today!

Please fill out an **Attendance Card** (located in the pew rack) to let us know you've been here in worship (just leave the card on the pew at the end of the service). You can use this card to share prayer requests, send a message to the pastors, or update your contact information. Thanks!

New Here?

We warmly welcome all who are visiting our church this morning. We hope to have the chance to personally greet you and answer any questions about our congregation that you may have. Want to learn more about BUMC? We invite you to text your name and email address to us at **301-246-0866** and we'll be in touch soon!

BUMC's COVID Re-Entry Update

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.

BUMC only requires a mask for those working in the nursery.

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Fifth Sunday in Epiphany

Sunday, February 5, 2023 11 a.m.

BUMC's services are livestreamed. Please be aware mics are live and conversations may be heard over the air. If you prefer not to be visible on the video, which is broadcast on YouTube, we invite you to be seated towards the rear of the Sanctuary. Thank you.

GATHERING

GATHERING MUSIC *Chris Warrington*

CHORAL INTROIT *Sanctuary Choir*

OPENING MUSIC/BRINGING IN THE LIGHT OF CHRIST *Chris Warrington*

Prelude from: "Pièces pour Orgue ou Harmonium" - 1855, Cesar Franck - (1822-1890)

TOLLING OF THE CHURCH BELL

Ringing church bells reminds the world God holds the future of humanity.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*** GREETING**

Leader: Gracious God, eternal God, you have led us to curiosity
about our creation, ourselves, and all things unknown.

People: Let us never lose our sense of wonder about the world you have given us.

Leader: God of Abraham and Sarah,
you lead us to new understandings when we least expect them.

**People: Let us never see ourselves as too young,
too old, or too wise to learn new lessons from you.**

**All: Everlasting, ever-loving God, teacher, creator,
giver of knowledge and freedom, fear
and courage, doubt and faith, Amen.**

*** OPENING HYMN** *UMH 383*

"This Is a Day of New Beginnings" - vv. 1-3, 5

CONFESSION AND PARDON

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your name. Amen.

*** SHARING OF THE PEACE**

*** SHARING OF THE PEACE SONG** *Praise Band*

"Remain In Me"

LISTENING

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SONG *Praise Band*

"You Make Me Brave"

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY MUSIC *Sanctuary Choir*

"My Shepherd Will Supply My Need" - Mack Wilberg

OFFERTORY PRAYER

SCRIPTURE *Joy Harwood*

Proverbs 31:8-9, Job 29:15-16

MESSAGE *Rev. Dr. HiRho Park*

"Vision Series: Educate - A New Way"

RESPONDING

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION *Praise Band*

"Hungry"

SENDING FORTH

*** CLOSING SONG** *TFWS 2153*

"I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me"

*** CARRYING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST INTO THE WORLD**

*** DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING**

*** SUNG BENEDICTION** *TFWS 2281*

"May You Run and Not Be Weary"

*** CLOSING MUSIC/POSTLUDE** *Chris Warrington*

"Postlude on Ein Feste Burg" - Max Reger (1873-1916)

TODAY'S WORSHIP MINISTRY

Pastor: Rev. Dr. HiRho Park
Minister of Worship & Justice: Dr. Shaw Brewer
Director of Music: Chris Warrington
Sanctuary Choir Conductor: Max Nolin
Director, Bethesda Bells: Gail Williams
Acolyte: Bryan Baker
Tech: Sam Bohn (livestream), Holly Panullo (slides), Chris Anderson (sound)
Coffee Hour: Christine Golding, Jack Fisher and Jualenda Boschulte

Worship Chair: Bill Allman

If you have any questions or wish to provide input about our worship services, please contact Bill (bilgerall@yahoo.com). We'd love to hear from you.

Today at BUMC

9:30 am	Children's Choir Rehearsal
9:45 am	PTR Class
10:00 am	Sunday School
11:00 am	Worship (in-person & online at washmorefeet.org/livestream)
11:00 am	Kids With Purpose

LENTEN BIBLE STUDY SMALL GROUPS SIGN UP: please sign up in the narthex for Lenten small groups. This year's theme is **Holy Vessels: A Lenten Season of Recovery**, starting the week of February 19. If you have any questions, please contact Dr. Shaw Brewer at shaw@washmorefeet.org.

REV. BRYAN BAKER & REV. PARK SERVING COMMUNION: BUMC is blessed with clergy who God has sent to be a part of ministry from time to time. One of them is Rev. Bryan Baker, chaplain at National Children's Hospital in Washington, DC. Rev. Baker will lead worship with Rev. Park this morning and officiate communion. Dr. Shaw Brewer joined the Children's Education Committee for their retreat in Delaware this weekend to discuss Vacation Bible School.

MISSION MONDAY is tomorrow. February 6, 2023. Please bring meat and cheese sandwiches and trail mix for Martha's Table, and nonperishable foods for Bethesda Help, to the Huntington Parkway Lot at BUMC between 8:30 and 10:00 on Monday morning.

COCOA IN THE PARK: All children and their families are invited to join us on Saturday, February 11th from 2:00-3:00 pm, in Greenwich Park (next to the church) for playground time, visiting, and hot cocoa. Come connect with other BUMC families during this fun outdoor activity! Questions? Contact Kara Peace at kpeace@washmorefeet.org.

BUMC WOMEN: Please join us for this month's ladies' get-together at Shaw Brewer's home for a potluck on Wednesday, February 15th at 6:30 (7710 Woodmont Ave, Bethesda). To RSVP or carpool please email me (r33conley@gmail.com)

SOUPER BOWL OF CARING: Our annual Souper Bowl of Caring is happening on Sunday, February 13. This event is an opportunity for the congregation to collect canned food and other nonperishable food for Bethesda Help on Super Bowl Sunday. Wear your favorite team's jersey and come cheer on the donations as they arrive!

NATIONAL GUN VIOLENCE SURVIVORS WEEK- February 5 begins National Gun Violence Survivors Week. Early February is approximately the point at which gun deaths in the United States exceed the number of gun deaths experienced by our peer countries in an entire calendar year. Visit https://momentsthatsurvive.org.

SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE SUPPER: Take a night off from cooking and come celebrate Fat Tuesday with us onTuesday, February 21 from 5:30 - 7:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. The youth will be flipping pancakes and cooking up some delicious sides to help raise funds for this summer's mission trip to Kentucky and the DMV. Please bring donations for the meal. Bring your friends and neighbors, too! Youth and parents can sign up to work shifts from 5:45-6:45 p.m. prep and cooking, or 6:45-7:45 p.m. cooking and cleaning up. Contact Kara at kpeace@washmorefeet.org for info.

YOUNG ADULTS ON ASH WEDNESDAY: All young adults are invited to join us on Ash Wednesday as we attend the service and break bread together. It will be a wonderful time of fellowship and a meaningful way to begin our Lenten journey. Contact Shaw for more details.