Welcome to Bethesda UMC

Sunday, July 31, 2022

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!

BMUC's COVID Re-Entry Plan

BUMC, under the guidance of our Re-Entry Team, has determined that masks are currently optional in worship, in all other church activities, and in all church spaces, ***EXCEPT*** for indoor activities involving children who are not vaccine eligible. This includes KWP, the Nursery and the Pre-K through Grade 1 Sunday School class. See washmorefeet.org/reentry for more information.

Bethesda United Methodist Church

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Youth Sunday

Sunday, July 31, 2022 + 10 a.m.

Note: BUMC's services are livestreamed. 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

CANDLE LIGHTING

TOLLING OF THE BELL

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

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

GREETING *Socorro Sliker-Diaz*

Leader: When you use the FREEDOM God gave you through Christ to serve others
People: God is there.
Leader: When you are nudged toward your PURPOSE in life
People: God is there.
Leader: When you choose HUMILITY over your own glory or fame
People: God is there.
Leader: When you show your GRATITUDE for everything in your life
People: God is there.

OPENING SONG

"What A Friend" - Common Ground/Praise Band

SHARING OF THE PEACE

LISTENING

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE *Kara Peace & Kendra Johnson*

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE *Alex Murray*

Prayer requests can be shared at washmorefeet.org/pray

SCRIPTURE LESSON *Thomas Tanman & Socorro Sliker-Diaz*

Galatians 5:13-14; Ephesians 2:8-10; Philipians 2:3-5; Colossians 2:6-7

MISSION VIDEO

MESSAGE *Trevor Hisibante, Caroline Jagger & Kara Peace*

Time of Testimony

RESPONDING

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING *Noemi Kang*

You can place your offering in the plate, share your gifts online at www.washmorefeet.org/give or use our Text-to Give option (text the amount of your donation to 301-679-7266)

OFFERTORY MUSIC

"Lean On Me" - Common Ground/Praise Band

OFFERTORY PRAYER *Ella Johnson*

SENDING

CLOSING SONG

"'Build Your Kingdom Here" - Common Ground/Praise Band

EXTINGUISHING OF THE CANDLE

Please remain in place as the candles are extinguished until the pastors exit the sanctuary.

DISMISSAL WITH BLESSINGS *Rev. HiRho & Ella Johnson*

TODAY'S WORSHIP MINISTRY

Pastor: Rev. Dr. HiRho Park
Director of Music: Chris Warrington
Director, Bethesda Bells: Gail Williams
Tech: Steven Martin (livestream), David Flumbaum (sound)
Minister of Worship & Justice: Dr. Shaw Brewer
Sanctuary Choir Conductor: Max Nolin
Acolyte: Chloe Cevallos

Worship Co-Chairs: Sue O'Hara & Bill Allman

If you have any questions or wish to provide input about our worship services, please contact Sue (rockysmom51@gmail.com) or Bill (bilgerall@yahoo.com). We'd love to hear from you.

Today at BUMC

10:00 am Worship (in-person & online at washmorefeet.org/livestream)
Kids with Purpose (Room 104)

SPECIAL COVID ADVISORY: We are seeing an increase in COVID cases in Montgomery County and of known positive cases within the congregation. People are encouraged, but not required, to wear masks and maintain physical distancing before, during, and after worship.

NEW MEMBERS CLASS — As we welcome new members to the BUMC family, we are holding a class in which BUMC leaders will share information about our church's history, outreach, mission, education, and programs. You will also learn about the worldwide United Methodist Church. The dates are August 4, 8, and 11 at 7:00 p.m. by Zoom. Please contact Rev. HiRho if you want to join.

"FAITH AND PHOTOGRAPHY" CLASS — Join our communications director, Steven D. Martin, for a free, four-week online course that will improve your skills and invite you into a way of seeing the world that is both transformational and profoundly spiritual. This course will include fun assignments along with interactive Zoom sessions; it is open to veteran photographers and smartphone users alike. The course takes place on Wednesdays at 8:00 pm beginning August 3rd. Register at the Lakelands Institute.

ALTER FLOWERS — Thank you, Edna Russell, for providing flowers last Sunday to beautify the altar. The beautiful flower came from Sue Owen's garden.

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 (rockysmom51@gmail.com).

SIGN UP TO RECEIVE THE PRAYER LIST — 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.

SUMMER CHOIR DATES — Come sing with the choir during the summer! We don't sing every Sunday, and we don't rehearse on Thursday nights, but we do still sing during worship on occasion. We gather around 9:15 a.m. on Sunday morning to rehearse and then sing at the 10:00 a.m. service. All are welcome. We will be singing again on Sunday, August 14.

WAYS WE CAN HELP OUR AFGHAN REFUGEE FAMILY — Being that we're now well into summer, the family's daily schedule has changed. We thought it might be fun for the family to receive gift cards for various nearby restaurants, ice cream shops and other summer treats instead of a regular Wednesday dinner. They are excited about opportunities to further explore their neighborhood. See the July 15th edition of the BUMC Weekend Update email or contact heleneweisz1@gmail.com for details on specific gift card requests and other details.