Welcome to Bethesda UMC

Sunday, September 18, 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 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.

Bethesda United Methodist Church

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15th Sunday After Pentecost

Sunday, September 18, 2022 + 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

CHORAL INTROIT *Sanctuary Choir*

PRELUDE *Chris Warrington*

"Fugue in G Major" BWV 576 - J.S. Bach

CANDLE LIGHTING

TOLLING OF THE BELL

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

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*** CALL TO WORSHIP:**

Leader: Jesus Christ is the light of the world.
People: He will judge the people with righteousness and defend the cause of the poor.
Leader: Jesus Christ is the light of the world.
People: The mystery of the ages is revealed; the eternal plane of God is known to all.
Leader: Jesus Christ is the light of the world.
People: Let us kneel down before him to give him honor, glory, and praise.
Leader: Jesus Christ is the light of the world.
People: Let us offer him all the treasures of our hearts and our lives.
All: Jesus Christ is the light of the world.

Submitted by Austin D. Hill

*** OPENING HYMN** *UMH 103*

"Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"

*** SHARING OF THE PEACE**

*** SONG**

"The Same Love"

LISTENING

CHILDREN'S CHOIR SELECTION *Max Nolin, Director*

"Over My Head" - African American Spiritual

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE *HiRho, Shaw, Kara, Dennis*

HYMN *TFWS 2130*

"The Summons"

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Prayer requests can be shared at washmorefeet.org/pray

ANTHEM *Sanctuary Choir*

"The Last Words of David" - Randall Thompson

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Acts 9:1-19

MESSAGE *Rev. HiRho*

"An Instrument of God"

RESPONDING

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING *Sue Owen*

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 *Chris Warrington*

"Ode for Flute" - Kutten

*** DOXOLOGY** *UMH 94*

"Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow"

OFFERTORY PRAYER

SENDING

*** CLOSING SONG** *TFWS 2153*

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

*** DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING**

*** CHORAL BENEDICTION**

*** EXTINGUISHING OF THE CANDLE**

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

CLOSING MUSIC

The altar flowers are given to the Glory of God by Edna Russell. The beautiful flower came from Sue Owen's garden.

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
Tech: Jacob Couch (livestream), Josiah Peace (slides), Chris Anderson (sound)

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

9:30 am	Children's Choir Rehersal (Choir Room)
9:45 am	PTR Class
10:00 am	Sunday School (all ages)
11:00 am	Worship (in-person & online at washmorefeet.org/livestream)
	Kids with Purpose (Room 104)
12:00 pm	Young Adults Brunch
6:00 pm	UMYF

CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY: We extend our love and prayers to Sandra Ricciardella & Lynn Ricciardella (11316 Huntover Drive, Rockville, MD 20852) in the death of Sandra's husband and Lynn's father, Dominic R. Ricciardella, on September 11th.

STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN: Our church will raise $900,000 through our Fall Stewardship Campaign to meet our budget needs for the year ahead. We are 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. We are seeking 100 percent participation by the congregation this year in order to meet our budgetary needs for the year ahead. So far we have received 36 pledges.

PRAYER BITES is September 21, AT NOON! Do you ever wonder what living in a retirement community is like? Howard and Carlee Hallman will share their experience of living in Asbury Village, Gaithersburg. Come to the table of singing, prayer, communion, and fellowship. Diana Mears will provide guitar music. Bring your sandwich, and we will provide drinks. See you there!

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). Our first meeting is **this Monday, September 19 at 7:30 p.m.** in the narthex. All are welcome.

JUBILEE JOBS: You can help those who need a job most. Join a group 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 (shaw@washmorefeet.org).

GUN VIOLENCE PREVENTION MINISTRY: 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.

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. The 4.3 mile bike ride along the Bethesda Trolly Trail will take about 45 minutes. Drivers can leave BUMC around 1:00 p.m. Wear comfortable shoes. There is a small admission charge. Contact Janet Edmonds at J.edmonds@erols.com for more information.