Welcome to Bethesda UMC

Sunday, February 19, 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 Safety Policy

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. The last two pews in the back are reserved for those who want to sit close wearing masks.

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

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Transfiguration Sunday

Sunday, February 19, 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/BRINGING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST *Chris Warrington*

"Prelude & Fugue in C Minor" (BWV 549) - J.S. Bach

CHORAL INTROIT *Sanctuary Choir*

TOLLING OF THE CHURCH BELL

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

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*** GREETING**

Leader: O Christ, you lived as an ordinary man
not in style but simply,
yet still you caused uproar, and questions everywhere;
you drew the expectations of hungry crowds,
and brought buried conflicts to the light.

All: May we,
who are sometimes swayed by the crowd's approval,
and who often avoid conflict
for fear of its cost to us,
hold fast to the gospel of peace and justice
and follow faithfully in your way of compassion and solidarity
with those who are poor and excluded,
wherever it may lead us. Amen.

*** OPENING HYMN** *UMH 158*

"Come, Christians, Join to Sing"

*** PSALTER** *UMH 859*

Psalm 147 With Sung Responses

*** SHARING OF THE PEACE**

*** SHARING OF THE PEACE SONG** *TFWS 2227*

"We Are The Body Of Christ"

LISTENING

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

*** HYMN** *UMH 189*

"Fairest Lord Jesus"

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

ANTHEM *Sanctuary Choir*

"Keep Your Lamps" - arr. Andre Thomas

SCRIPTURE READING *Nick Ganz*

Luke 4:18

MESSAGE *Dr. Cynthia Bond Hopson*

"We Are Ready…"

RESPONDING

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

MUSIC DURING THE OFFERING *Bethesda Bells*

"Calypso on 'He Leadeth Me'" - arr. Tammy Waldrop

*** DOXOLOGY** *UMH 94*

*** OFFERTORY PRAYER**

SENDING FORTH

*** CLOSING HYMN/CARRYING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST INTO THE WORLD** *UMH 519*

"Lift Every Voice and Sing"

*** DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING**

*** SUNG BENEDICTION** *Sanctuary Choir*

*** CLOSING MUSIC** *Chris Warrington*

"Finale" - Johann Ernst Eberlin (1702-1762)

Our preacher today is Dr. Cynthia Bond Hopson, Ph.D., from The General Board of Higher Education and Ministry (GBHEM) of The United Methodist Church. Dr. Hopson brings the message during Sunday worship and will lead the Listening Session about the topic, *Young Black People and Higher Education in the US* after worship.

Dr. Cynthia Hopson is the Equity Officer and Assistant General Secretary of The Black College Fund, Inclusion, Diversity, Equity & Access at the General Board of Higher Education and Ministry (GBHEM). She is the author of several books, an advocate of women's issues and a well-known journalism professor.

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: Taylor Ganz
Tech: Sam Bohn/Steven Martin (livestream), Steven Martin (slides), Chris Anderson (sound)
Coffee Hour: Ada Wong & Haitao Wang, Dee Carden

Worship Chairs: Bill Allman & Cindy Osnos

If you have any questions or wish to provide input about our worship services, please contact Bill (bilgerall@yahoo.com) or Cindy (osnosmcrc@comcast.net). 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
10:00 am	Intergenerational Fellowship
11:00 am	Worship (in-person & online at washmorefeet.org/livestream)
12:00 pm	Listening Session: "Young Black People & Higher Education"
6:00 pm	United Methodist Youth Fellowship

SPECIAL OFFERING FOR TURKEY AND SYRIA: We will be taking up a special love offering today to send through the United Methodist Committee on Relief, where 100% of your offering goes directly to aid victims. Please give generously.

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 this week. If you have any questions, please contact Dr. Shaw Brewer at shaw@washmorefeet.org.

In this Lenten series, we will talk about how we are all holy vessels created by God. However, we are human vessels that have gone through many things in our lives, including illness, loss, and heartache, and this series will help us remember that, like sea glass, we are holy and beautiful despite - and maybe even because of - the tumbling we have had to go through. Join us in worship and during one of these small groups as we realize again how valuable each of us is to God. Sign up by scanning the code on the right.

SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE SUPPER: Take a night off from cooking and come celebrate Fat Tuesday with us this Tuesday, 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. Bring your friends and neighbors, too!

Youth, parents, and other volunteers can sign up to work shifts from 5:15-6:15 p.m. prep and cooking, or 6:15-7:15 p.m. cooking and cleaning up. Contact Kara at kpeace@washmorefeet.org for info.

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICES: We enter into the season of Lent with Ash Wednesday this Wednesday, February 22. There will be three opportunities for you to join us at Ash Wednesday to receive the imposition of ashes:

- Morning Personal Pastoral Prayer Service at 7:00 am (in-person only)
- Taizé Prayer Service Community Service at noon (in-person only)
- Ash Wednesday Worship Service at 7:00 pm (in-person & Livestream, music by the Sanctuary Choir)

If you aren't able to join us on Ash Wednesday, you'll also have the opportunity to receive ashes in worship on Sunday, February 26.

YOUNG ADULTS ON ASH WEDNESDAY: All young adults are invited to the Ash Wednesday Service. Following the service we will gather in Fellowship Hall for dessert and conversation. It will be a wonderful time of fellowship and a meaningful way to begin our Lenten journey. Contact Shaw for more details.

BUMC WELCOMES NEW MEMBERS: If you notice someone new who has been coming to worship, please invite them to join this loving Christian community. BUMC would love to be the church where anyone can feel at home.

Our membership class will meet four times, on March 2, 9, 16, and 30, from 7:00 to 8:00 pm via Zoom. We will learn about the United Methodist Church, BUMC's ministry areas - Serve, Grow, Worship, and Connect - and the denominational and BUMC's history. We will also meet BUMC's leaders during the sessions. We will record each session so you can watch them if you miss one. We will have the New Members' Reception Ceremony on March 26 during the Sunday Service at 11:00 am.