Welcome to Bethesda UMC

Sunday, June 4, 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.

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Peace With Justice Sunday
Wear Orange Sunday

Sunday, June 4, 2023 10:00 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 *Praise Band*

"My Redeemer Lives"

BRINGING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST *Lydia Sim*

TOLLING OF THE CHURCH BELL

Ringing church bells is our witness to God's presence in the world.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*** GREETING**

Leader: We come today to worship the Triune God, even as we,
like the Eleven on the mountainside, have our doubts.

People: Holy Trinity, meet us in our questions and help us embrace your mystery.

Leader: We come to encounter the God who is both immense and particular,
greater than words can describe, and yet intimately present with us.

People: Holy Trinity, surround us with your love that brings order to chaos and community to individualism.

Leader: We come to give thanks to the God who created and sustains us,
and who calls us to steward the earth and all that live in it.

People: Holy Trinity, empower us to enter into partnership with you for the flourishing of all creation with gratitude and joy.

Leader: We come to receive Christ's commission to make disciples, to baptize,
and to teach the gospel wherever we go.

People: God, immerse us in the life of the Holy Trinity that we might go and welcome others into the dance of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.

*** OPENING SONG** *Praise Band*

"Holy, Holy, Holy!"

*** LITANY OF DELIVERANCE**

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

"Sanctuary"

LISTENING

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE *Rev. HiRho*

SONG *Praise Band*

"It's Me (Standin' In the Need of Prayer)"

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

GIVING

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING *Rev. Bryan Baker*
OFFERING & OFFERTORY MUSIC *Chris Warrington*
OFFERTORY PRAYER *Susan Bender*

HEARING

SCRIPTURE READING *Wyatt Fotiades*
2 Corinthians 13:11-14

MESSAGE *Dr. Shaw Brewer*
"Blessings and Hope In Spite of It All"

RECEIVING

COMMUNION
MUSIC DURING COMMUNION *Praise Band*
"The Joy Of The Lord"

SENDING

*** CLOSING SONG** *Praise Band*
"What A Friend"
*** CARRYING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST INTO THE WORLD**
*** DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING**
*** CLOSING MUSIC** *Praise Band*

TODAY'S WORSHIP MINISTRY

Pastor: Rev. Dr. HiRho Park
Director of Music: Chris Warrington
Director, Bethesda Bells: Gail Williams
Tech: Sam Bohn, Steven Martin (livestream), Bob Gillette (slides)
Coffee Hour: Janet Edmonds, Joy Harwood
Minister of Discipleship & Justice: Dr. Shaw Brewer
Sanctuary Choir Conductor: Max Nolin
Acolyte: Lydia Sim

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

10:00 am	Worship (in-person & online at washmorefeet.org/livestream)
11:00 pm	Fellowship Time
6:00 pm	United Methodist Youth Fellowship

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in honor of Debby Cooper's birthday from Jodie Paustian.

REGISTER TODAY FOR VBS THIS SUMMER: HERO HOTLINE! Mark your calendars and plan to join us June 19 - 23 from 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. as we join the Hero Hotline where we are called together to serve God at Vacation Bible School! We are excited to announce that this year we will be partnering with North Bethesda UMC, St. Paul's Kensington UMC and Concord St. Andrews UMC. (All activities will take place here at BUMC). VBS is open to all children ages 4 through rising 5th graders. Please register today!

TRARON SCHOLARSHIP FUND: Today, we invite you to help make a difference in the fight against gun violence. We will be taking a special offering for the TraRon Scholarship Fund to support young gun violence victims to continue their college education. Together, we can make a difference in the fight against gun violence. For more information, contact shaw@washmorefeet.org.

CALLING ALL CARETAKERS: JOIN OUR NURSERY TEAM TODAY! This summer, our church is in need of two dedicated day care workers to watch over our precious nursery-age children during church and Sunday school. If you or someone you know has a passion for working with children and want to make a difference in their lives, we invite you to apply for this paid position. You must be 18 or over.

As a caretaker on our nursery team, you will have the opportunity to create a safe nurturing environment, engage in playtime fun, and ensure their every need is met. Don't wait to join us in this rewarding ministry! To apply for this paid position, please contact Dennis at dennis@washmorefeet.org.

BE PART OF A SUMMER PICKUP CHOIR: During the summer months, our Sanctuary Choir, Praise Band, and Bethesda Bells take a well-deserved break from their regularly scheduled rehearsals and weekly worship participation. Even so, worship continues each Sunday at 10 a.m., and music is still vital to these summer services. We would like to invite you to take part in the Summer "Pickup" Choirs in the chancel on the following Sundays: June 11, July 2, July 23, and August 13.

Here's how it works—it's really quite simple, and the biggest requirement is that you arrive at church a little earlier than you might normally. On the aforementioned dates, come to the chancel at 9 a.m. Max and Chris will be there, along with the rest of the singers, to learn a piece of music. We'll sing through it, spend a few minutes refining it or, to quote Max, "making it musical." That's it. It's easy, it's fun, and it's a way to serve and get involved at BUMC.

JOIN US FOR PRIDE SUNDAY ON JUNE 11: We invite everyone to join us for this special service and celebration of diversity. On that day Rev. T.C. Morrow, a newly ordained Deacon in The United Methodist Church who is also part of the LGBTQIA+ community will be our special guest speaker. After the service, Rev. Morrow will lead a listening session where you can hear about her life experiences and the future of the Methodist church.

SUMMER BIBLE STUDY SERIES BEGINS JULY 11: Join us as we kick- off a five-week study that will help us face and overcome our fears about loneliness, illness, financial insecurity, disappointing others, failure, insignificance, and aging. We'll use Adam Hamilton's teachings to guide our discussions and gain valuable insights into living unafraid. Plus, there will be a five-week sermon series on the book and daily texts to keep you engaged throughout the week.

Don't miss out on this incredible opportunity to grow in your faith and gain valuable tools to face life's challenges head-on. Contact shaw@washmorefeet.org for more information.