Welcome to Bethesda UMC

Sunday, June 18, 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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Third Sunday After Pentecost

Father's Day

Sunday, June 18, 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 *Chris Warrington*

"Of the Father's Love Begotten (Divinum Mysterium)" - Ludwig Lenel

BRINGING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

TOLLING OF THE CHURCH BELL

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

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*** CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: Our relationships with our fathers are complicated.

Many: For some of us, our father's love is like God's love -- too deep, too long, too wide, too strong to measure.

One: Some of our dads are here; some were never here.

Many: For some of us, God's love fills in the empty spaces our fathers left behind.

One: All of us are shaped by the relationship, or lack of relationship, with our fathers.

All: On this day when we remember what it means to have a father or be a father, we recognize the importance of fathers in our communities. We pledge as a congregation to love and nurture the fathers among us so that they will manifest the love of God in all that they do.

*** OPENING HYMN** *UMH 529*

"How Firm A Foundation"

A FATHER'S DAY PRAYER *David Dansie, Jeff Ganz, Michael Jarrell*

SHARING OF THE PEACE *TFWS 2162*

"Grace Alone"

LISTENING

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

MUSICAL SELECTION *Phoebe Noonan, Trumpet*

"Jupiter Chorale" - Gustav Holst

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

SCRIPTURE READING *Bill Allman*

1 Samuel 17:32-49

MESSAGE *Rev. Dr. HiRho Park*

"Father Who Loves an Underdog!"

RESPONDING

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING *Arden Noble-Manson*

OFFERING & OFFERTORY MUSIC *Chris Warrington*

"Arioso" - Corelli (1653-1713)

*** DOXOLOGY** *UMH 94*

"Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow"

OFFERTORY PRAYER

SENDING

*** CLOSING HYMN** *UMH 120*

"Your Love, O God"

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

*** DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING**

*** CLOSING MUSIC** *Chris Warrington*

"Epilogue for Trumpet" - Ritter

TODAY'S WORSHIP MINISTRY

Pastor: Rev. Dr. HiRho Park
Minister of Discipleship & Justice: Dr. Shaw Brewer
Director of Music: Chris Warrington
Sanctuary Choir Conductor: Max Nolin
Director, Bethesda Bells: Gail Williams
Tech: Steven Martin (livestream & slides), Carl Eichenwald (sound)
Coffee Hour: Sue Owen & Lance Leverenz, Selva and Elizabeth Gnanaselvam

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

Sunday, June 18: Father's Day

10:00 am	Summer Worship (in-person/online)
11:00 am	Young Adult Brunch
11:00 am	Fellowship Time
11:15 am	VBS Decoration

THIS WEEK: HERO HOTLINE! 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.

YOUNG ADULT BRUNCH: Join us for today's brunch for young adults right after worship. We'll start by ordering some delicious food from DoorDash, and while we wait for it to arrive, we'll help transform the sanctuary and set up for Vacation Bible School. They need our help, and we'd be glad to assist! Once we're done with the setup, we'll find a cozy spot to eat and chat. During this time, we'll discuss Juneteenth, Pride Month, and all the ways that inclusion is important to us and our community. Meet us in the narthex right after worship today.

WE NEED VOLUNTEERS FOR VBS THIS WEEK: We are looking for dedicated individuals like you to help make this event a memorable experience for over 50 children from our church family and the local community. VBS offers a fun-filled program where children engage in activities such as singing, Bible stories, games, crafts, and snack-time. As with previous years, the success of this event relies heavily on the generosity and commitment of adult volunteers who work alongside our youth. Your time and talents can truly make a difference in the lives of these young participants. Whether you can volunteer for the entire week or can only spare a day or more, your contribution will be greatly appreciated.

Please contact Dennis Williams at dennis@washmorefeet.org. He will help you find a suitable role. We sincerely appreciate your willingness to support this meaningful event and help create a positive and nurturing environment for the children. Your participation as a volunteer crucial for making VBS a resounding success.

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 on the following Sundays: July 2, July 23, and August 13.

SUMMER BIBLE STUDY SERIES BEGINS JULY 11: Join us as we kick off a five-week study based on Adam Hamilton's book, *Unafraid*. This study 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. The Bible study will take place Tuesday nights beginning July 11 at 7:30 pm on Zoom. Contact Shaw at shaw@washmorefeet.org for more information or the link.

NOT RECEIVING CHURCH EMAILS? From time to time we hear of people who have signed up to receive our emails, but no longer do. If you are not receiving emails you've signed up for, please contact Steve at communications@washmorefeet.org.