Welcome to Bethesda UMC

Sunday, July 2, 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.

Bethesda United Methodist Church

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Fifth Sunday After Pentecost
Independence Sunday

Sunday, July 2, 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

"Sarabande and Gavotte" - Arcangelo Corelli
Tiia Karlén, violin
Chris Warrington, piano

CHORAL INTROIT

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**

Leader: Freedom is coming!

People: We can hear it in the voices of the oppressed.

Leader: Hope is coming!

People: We can see it in the eyes of all those who despair.

Leader: God is here!

**People: We count on God's presence with us,
to guide, heal and uplift our spirits. Amen.**

*** OPENING HYMN** *UMH 437*

"This is My Song"

SHARING OF THE PEACE *UMH 698*

"God of the Ages" vv. 3-4

LISTENING

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

ANTHEM *Summer Choir*

"Oh, Come, Angel Band" - Hascall/Bradbury

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

GIVING

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERING & OFFERTORY MUSIC *Summer Choir*

"Revive Us Again" - Mackay/Husband

OFFERTORY PRAYER

HEARING

SCRIPTURE READING *John Euler*

Galatians 5:1, 13-25

MESSAGE *Rev. Dr. HiRho Park*

"Freedom in Bondedness"

RESPONDING

COMMUNION

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

"Virelai" - Edward Elgar
Tiia Karlén, violin
Chris Warrington, piano

SENDING

*** CLOSING HYMN** *UMH 697*

"America"

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

*** DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING**

*** CHORAL BENEDICTION** *Summer Choir*

*** CLOSING MUSIC** *Chris Warrington*

"America, the Beautiful" - arr. Mansfield

TODAY'S WORSHIP MINISTRY

Pastor: Rev. Dr. HiRho Park
Director of Music: Chris Warrington
Director, Bethesda Bells: Gail Williams
Minister of Discipleship & Justice: Dr. Shaw Brewer
Sanctuary Choir Conductor: Max Nolin
Tech: Bob Gillette (slides), Steven Martin (livestream), David Flumbaum (sound)
Coffee Hour: Sue O'Hara, Liz Helke

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, July 2: Independence Sunday

9:00 am	Summer Pickup Choir Rehearsal
10:00 am	Summer Worship (in-person/online)
11:00 am	Fellowship Time

Thank you for choosing to worship with us on your busy Sunday. We understand that our services may sometimes go beyond one hour. If you need to leave at the end of the one-hour service, we kindly ask that you do so quietly. Our worship leaders will not be offended.

MISSION MONDAY: The next Mission Monday is set for July 3, 2023. As this falls on a holiday weekend, some may be away or have guests. However, the hungry and homeless in our area still require assistance. The collection of meat and cheese sandwiches and individual baggies of trail mix (without nuts) will take place between 8:30 and 10:00 in the Huntington Parkway lot for McKenna's Wagon and Martha's Table. Nonperishable food items, including canned goods, will also be collected for Bethesda Help at the same time. Any inquiries can be directed to Bruce or Nancy Smith at 301-765-5030. Thank you for your assistance.

OUR CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED on Tuesday for the Fourth of July Holiday. We'll re-open on Wednesday. Have a great 4th!

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.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR BUMC FOSTER CARE MINISTRY: We are seeking volunteers for our BUMC Foster Care Ministry! You can help in two ways. First, join us on Sunday, July 23 at 11:15 a.m. to sort and organize clothing in our Foster Care Closet. We'll meet in the Foster Care Room, located in the BUMC basement across from the elevator. Snacks will be provided.

Second, we need help gathering clothes for new foster children based on specific requests from the Social Workers at the Montgomery County Dept. of Health and Human Services (MCDHHS). Sometimes, we are also asked by the MCDHHS to assist families at risk of losing their children to foster care. Our ministry provides valuable resources, such as clothing, to new foster parents and at-risk families. To join us on July 23 or to become more involved with helping foster children and families, please contact Janet Edmonds at j.edmonds@erols.com or Stacy Welch at snwel062@yahoo.com. Thank you for your support!

PRAYER BITES BIBLE STUDY IN JULY: Philip Thomas Mohr, currently pursuing a Ph.D. in The New Testament at Catholic University and BUMC sexton, will teach the Book of Leviticus for Prayer Bites Bible Study on July 5, 12 & 19. We are fortunate to have such a knowledgeable biblical scholar as our instructor.

July 5th marks Week 1, where we'll cover Leviticus 1-7 and introduce Leviticus in canonical context. On July 12th, Week 2 will focus on Leviticus 8-16, centering on the Day of Atonement in chapter 16. Week 3 on July 19th will cover Leviticus 17-27, specifically the Covenant Blessings and Curses in chapter 26.

The Prayer Bites Bible Study starts at noon with a shared lunch, where everyone brings their own food. During this time, we will update each other on the prayer list before sharing communion. The Bible study will begin promptly at 12:30 pm and conclude at 1:30 pm.

Come and join us for fresh perspectives and interpretations from Philip. We can't wait to see you there!