Welcome to Bethesda UMC

Sunday, July 9, 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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Sixth Sunday After Pentecost

Sunday, July 9, 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

"Offering" - Paul Baloche

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: The Lord listens to us in times of trouble and joy.

People: We call to the Lord in our anxiety and fear.

Leader: God will not turn away from us.

People: God will heal us and restore us.

Leader: Let the Lord of life enter into your spirits.

People: Lord, come to us and heal our brokenness and sorrow. AMEN.

*** OPENING SONG**

"Thy Word" - Amy Grant

*** SHARING OF THE PEACE** *d*

"Surrender"

LISTENING

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

MUSICAL SELECTIONS *UMH 145, 399*

"Morning Has Broken"
"Take My Life and Let It Be"

*** SHEPHERD'S PRAYER**

Leader: I am the Good Shepherd. Fear not for I am with you. Do not be dismayed for I am your Lord. I will strengthen you. Yes, I will help you. I will hold you up with my right hand.

People: Yes, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for You are with me. Your rod for protection and your staff for guidance, they comfort me.

Leader: I am your Shepherd. When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, you shall not drowned. When you walk through fire, you shall not be burned.

People: Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you will revive me. Lord You stretch out Your hand against the wickedness of my enemies, and your right hand saves me.

Leader: You are the sheep of my pasture, I have created you, formed you. Do not fear for I have redeemed you. I have called you by your name. You are mine.

People: Though many should encamp against me, my heart shall not fear. Though war should rise against me, in this will I be confident? You, Lord, are the Shepherd of my soul. You are my light and my salvation. You are the strength of my life. How great is Your goodness toward those who trust in You!

Leader: I am the Good Shepherd and I say to you "Fear not little flock, for it is God's good pleasure to give you the kingdom."

People: Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 41:10, Philippians 4:4-7

MESSAGE *Rev. Dr. HiRho Park*

"Understanding and Countering Fear"

RESPONDING

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERING & OFFERTORY MUSIC

"Agnus Dei"

OFFERTORY PRAYER

SENDING

*** CLOSING SONG**

"Revelation Song"

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

*** DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING**

*** CLOSING MUSIC**

"Revelation Song" - reprise

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
Music Leaders: Heidi Lewis, Carl Eichenwald, Jacob Couch, Troy Townsend
Director, Bethesda Bells: Gail Williams
Tech: Josiah Peace (slides), Steven Martin (livestream), David Flumbaum (sound)
Coffee Hour: Michael Manson & Marianne, Pat and Karen Kirwan

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 9:

- Faith In Action High School Mission Trip (Kentucky) (all week)
- 10:00 am Summer Worship (in-person/online)
- 11:00 am Fellowship Time
- 5:00 pm Racial Justice Witness

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.

WE GIVE THANKS TO GOD for a beautiful green parament created by Nancy Gauthier, Janet Tyson, Debra Gillette, and Liz Helke.

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.

PRAYER BITES BIBLE STUDY: 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 continuing for two more Wednesdays: July 12 & 19. We are fortunate to have such a knowledgeable biblical scholar as our instructor. 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!

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.

CALLING ALL CARETAKERS: JOIN OUR NURSERY TEAM TODAY! Beginning today, 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.

RACIAL JUSTICE WITNESS TODAY AT 5:00-6:00 PM: Join us as we stand along Old Georgetown Road to lift up all people of color and marginalized communities in our nation. We meet on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month.

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR YOUTH MISSION TEAM: We're excited for our high school mission trip leaving today and running from July 8 -15 to Mayfield, Kentucky, for Home Repair/Housing Justice. We also look forward to our middle school mission trip from July 30th-August 2nd in Northern Virginia. For more information about joining the middle school trip, please contact kpeace@washmorefeet.org.