Welcome to Bethesda UMC

Sunday, August 6, 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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Tenth Sunday After Pentecost

Sunday, August 6, 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

"My Shepherd Will Supply My Need"
- based on American folk tune "Resignation"

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

*** GREETING**

Leader: The Lord be with you.
People: And also with you.
Leader: Lift up your hearts.
People: We lift them up to the Lord.
Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People:It is right to give our thanks and praise.
Leader: Even when we are afraid,
People: We will give our thanks and praise!

*** OPENING HYMN** *UMH 89*

"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"

LISTENING

*** PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

*** SHARING OF THE PEACE** *TFWS 2117 v. 2*

"Spirit of God"

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

*** HYMN** *UMH 175*

"Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee"

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

GIVING

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERING & OFFERTORY MUSIC

"Andantino Poco Allegretto"
- Cesar Franck (1822-1890)

*** DOXOLOGY** *UMH 94*

"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

*** OFFERTORY PRAYER**

HEARING

SCRIPTURE READING *Joy Harwood*

Philippians 4:4-9

MESSAGE *Rev. Dr. HiRho Park*

"*Unafraid*: Aging, Illness, Dying, and Fear of The Lord"

RECEIVING

COMMUNION

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

"The Communion Table" - Shea

SENDING

*** CLOSING HYMN** *TFWS 2172*

"We Are Called"

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

*** DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING**

*** CLOSING MUSIC**

"Psalm 19" - Marcello

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in remembrance of Connie Creveling's birthday today, August 6, from Doug and Diana Mears.

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: Bob Gillette (slides), Sam Bohn (livestream), David Flumbaum (sound)
Coffee Hour: Sue Owen, Carynne & Michael Jarrell

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, August 6:

- 10:00 am Summer Worship (in-person/online)
- 11:00 am Fellowship Time
- 12:30 pm Assembling School Supplies

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.

MORE WAYS TO GIVE: Sometimes we want to say "thank you" to God by offering gifts for special, unique reasons. Now we have a giving category, "Thanksgiving," so that you can express your gratitude for life passages, such as birthdays, promotions, the birth of a grandchild, graduation, college acceptance, getting a new job, or moving, etc. Donate today by using this code =>

OUR NEXT HYMN SING will be on Monday, August 7 at 7:00 p.m. in the sanctuary (and livestreamed too). Come with your requests – "Stump the Organist" will be a fun part of the evening again! So much of our faith and theology is expressed through music – join us for an evening of music and fun!

BACKPACK DRIVE: EMPOWERING CHILDREN, SHAPING FUTURES: We are assisting Interfaith Works with their annual backpack and school supplies program. They aim to collect and distribute an impressive 2,500 backpacks, each filled with brand new school supplies, to the amazing children of Interfaith Works Clothing Center. To make a donation, bring your items to the church between now and August 13. We will dedicate backpacks on the Back To School Sunday, August 13. For more information, reach out to Shaw at shaw@washmorefeet.org. Look in the August Messenger for a full list of items needed.

OUR NEXT MISSION MONDAY will be on Monday, August 7, 2023. We will be collecting individually wrapped meat and cheese sandwiches and baggies of trail mix between 8:30 and 10:00 a.m. in the church parking lot. Please help us support McKenna's Wagon during this hot summer! We will also be collecting non-perishable food for Bethesda Help at the same time. Remember, hunger does not take a vacation!

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS NEEDED: We are looking for Sunday School Teachers to join our vibrant community and ignite young hearts with the love of Christ. With classes beginning on Sept 11 and continuing every Sunday through May, this is an invaluable opportunity to make a lasting impact on the lives of our precious children. Whether you can commit to teaching every week or only a few times a month, your contribution is invaluable. We believe that each teacher brings a unique gift to the classroom, and we welcome diverse perspectives and experiences. Come and be a part of our dedicated team, nurturing spiritual growth, and fostering an environment of love and learning. To sign up or learn more, reach out to Dennis at dennis@washmorefeet.org. Together, let's create wonderful memories and inspire the next generation!

MOSES CEMETERY BOOKS NOW AVAILABLE: If you are interested in learning about the history and background of African American community in Bethesda, MD, and their struggles with saving their ancestors' cemetery, books by the Bethesda African Cemetery Coalition are now available for your purchase at $20 each in the Narthex. If you have any questions, please get in touch with Kris Hoxha at kris@washmorefeet.org.

THERE ARE TWO CHANCES TO SING with the choir during the month of August – August 13 and August 27! The process is simple – arrive at 9:00 a.m., come to the Sanctuary, pick up a piece of music, rehearse with the rest of the singers, and sing during the 10:00 worship service. Come give it a try!