Welcome to Bethesda UMC

Sunday, August 13, 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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Eleventh Sunday After Pentecost
Youth Sunday

Sunday, August 13, 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

"Contemplation" - J.F. Seegr (ca. 1775)

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** *Socorro Sliker-Diaz*

Leader: A world where hunger and homelessness are history
and everyone has what they need to thrive.

All: It's possible.

Leader: A world where refugees and immigrants
are welcomed with open arms.

All: It's possible.

Leader: A world where no one is oppressed or discriminated against because of
their skin color, or where they are born, or what language they speak,
or how they identify, or who they love.

All: It's possible.

Leader: A world where rivers flow with clean water and the air is breathable for
all and God's good creation is cared for fully.

All: It's possible.

Leader: The world God dreams of where love and life
speak loudest and last for all creation.

All: That world is possible.

*** OPENING HYMN** *UMH 579 vv. 1-3, 5*

"Lord God, Your Love Has Called Us Here"

RECOGNITION OF KARA

SHARING OF THE PEACE *UMH 377 vv. 1&4*

"It Is Well with My Soul"

LISTENING

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

(No Kids with Purpose Today)

*** HYMN** *TFWS 2164*

"Sanctuary"

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

ANTHEM *Summer Choir*

"How Firm A Foundation" - arr. Tom Trenney

SCRIPTURE READING *Nico Murray*

Mark 12:30-31

MESSAGE *Victoria Pannullo*

RESPONDING

YOUTH TESTIMONY *Chloe Cevallos, Seth Weaver, Darian Tamami*

OFFERING

OFFERTORY PRAYER *Nico Li*

SENDING

*** CLOSING HYMN** *UMH 451*

"Be Thou My Vision"

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

*** DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING**

*** CHORAL BENEDICTION**

*** CLOSING MUSIC**

"Hymnus" - A. von Fielitz (1860-1930)

- No Nursery Available Today -

TODAY'S WORSHIP MINISTRY

Pastor: Rev. Dr. HiRho Park
Worship Leader: Kara Peace
Director of Music: Chris Warrington
Director, Bethesda Bells: Gail Williams
Minister of Discipleship & Justice: Dr. Shaw Brewer
Acolyte: Matthew Weaver
Sanctuary Choir Conductor: Max Nolin
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 13: Youth Sunday

- 9:00 am Pick-Up Choir Rehearsal
- 10:00 am Summer Worship (in-person/online)
- 11:00 am Fellowship Time
- 5:00 pm Racial Justice Witness

Please Donate

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.

TODAY WE CELEBRATE YOUTH SUNDAY and, at the same time, we bid farewell to our beloved Kara Peace. Our youth, along with the special guest speaker Victoria Panullo, will lead us in worship as they reflect on their summer faith-in-action trips. During the service, we will also celebrate Kara Peace's ministry among us on the occasion of her last Sunday at BUMC. A special coffee hour reception will follow the service.

OUR NEXT HYMN SING will be on Monday, August 14 at 7:00 p.m. in the sanctuary (and livestreamed too). Yes, we were supposed to sing together last Monday, but the thunderstorms had different plans for us. 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!

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 IS ONE MORE CHANCE TO SING with the choir: August 27! It's 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!

JOIN US FOR TWO FALL BIBLE STUDIES: Stewardship Values and Scripture Study, and A Pre-Advent Study! Beginning Tuesday, September 26, we will explore the themes of our stewardship series 2023 – Rebirth, Reclaim, Revive, and Rejoice. Join us for four Tuesday nights on September 26, October 3, 10, and 17 as we delve into the words and themes that shape our understanding of these words and what they mean to our faith.

Then, starting on November 7, we will embark on a pre-Advent study titled "The Season of Almost" by Kate Bowler. Advent is not always the happiest season; it is a season of almost hope, almost love, and almost joy. As we anticipate the birth of Christ, we will gather at 7:30 on Tuesdays, November 7, 14, 28, and December 5 to reflect on the true meaning of Advent. Don't miss out on these transformative studies! For more information, contact shaw@washmorefeet.org.