Welcome to Bethesda UMC

Sunday, September 10, 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. 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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Fifteenth Sunday After Pentecost

Sunday, September 10, 2023 11:00 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

Choral Introit — Sanctuary Choir

Opening Music & Bringing the Light of Christ — Arnold Obara

"Largo" - G.F. Handel (1685-1759)

Tolling of the Church Bell

Welcome & Announcements

*Greeting

Leader: As we come to him, the living Stone — rejected by humans

People: but chosen by God and precious to him—

Leader: We also, like living stones, are being built into a spiritual house to be a holy priesthood, offering spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.

People: For in Scripture it says: "See, I lay a stone in Zion, a chosen and precious cornerstone,

Leader: And the one who trusts in him will never be put to shame."

People: Now to us who believe, this stone is precious for we are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation,

Leader: a people belonging to God,

People: That we may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light.

Leader: Once we were not a people, but now we are the people of God;

People: Once we had not received mercy, but now we have received mercy through the Lord Jesus Christ.

*Opening Hymn — UMH 155

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

New Members Reception

*Sharing of the Peace/Coming together

Leader: Dear beloved, God has called us to reclaim our faith in Jesus Christ.

People: We are here, Oh Lord.

Leader: Dear beloved, the Holy Spirit revives our spirit like fresh wind.

People: We feel refreshed, Oh Lord.

Leader: Let us rejoice in God's presence in each other's face.

People: Hallelujah!

Sharing of Peace Song — Praise Band

Hey Look, I Found It (My Inner Peace)

LISTENING

Children's Message

+Memory Verse of The Week: I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth; do you not perceive it? Isaiah 43:9a (NRSVUE)

*Hymn — UMH 433

All Who Love and Serve Your City

Prayers of the People

Anthem — Sanctuary Choir

Oh How Amiable - Ralph Vaughan WIlliams

Scripture — Janine Gregory

Acts 2:42-47, 1 Peter 4:10

Message — Rachelle Cummins

A Generous Fellowship of Followers on Mission

Responding

Introduction to the Offering

Witness of Our Faith — Mike Mitchell

Offering & Offertory Music — Sanctuary Choir

Even Here - Miller/Zelman

Offertory Prayer

SENDING

*Closing Song — Praise Band

All My Days - W&S 3011

*Dismissal with Blessing

*Choral Benediction & Carrying the Light of Christ

Closing Music

"Rigaudon" - Andre Campra

+Memory Verse of The Week: *The Confirmation Class has begun, and as part of their work, they are memorizing one scripture verse each week. The congregation will also memorize the same verse along with the confirmands to show support and grow with them.*

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
Acolyte: Arnold Obara
Tech: Steven Martin (slides), Sam Bohn (livestream), David Flumbaum (sound)

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, September 10: Kick-off Sunday/Stewardship Kick-off

- 9:30am Children's Choir Rehearsal
- 9:45am PTR Class
- 10:00am Sunday School
- 11:00am Blended Worship
- 12:00pm All Church Potluck
- 5:00pm Racial Justice Witness
- 5:30pm United Methodist Youth Fellowship

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.

KICK OFF SUNDAY POTLUCK: LET'S FEAST AND UNITE! Join us after worship to kick off the new fall season with a delightful potluck feast! We'll provide the fried chicken; we invite you to bring your favorite sides or desserts for eight people or more. It's the perfect opportunity to connect, grow, and build meaningful relationships within our church community. As we embark on this new calendar year, let's come together, worship, and serve side by side. We believe that shared meals foster strong bonds, and we can't wait to see what connections are made and friendships are formed over this delicious spread.

NEW CAMERAS, NEW LIVESTREAM - A DONATION OPPORTUNITY: A few months ago, the church council approved a proposal to enhance our livestream by replacing our older cameras with state-of-the-art Canon cameras and other necessary equipment. This presents a wonderful opportunity to honor or remember your loved ones by contributing towards the cost of these cameras. Each camera costs $3000, and we have four of them. If you are interested in gifting these cameras to BUMC, please contact Rev. HiRho at hrpark@washmorefeet.org.

INVITING ALL TO A LISTENING SESSION WITH OUR FORMER ASSOCIATE PASTOR, REV. RACHEL! Join us on September 17 after church as we welcome back Rev. Rachel Cornwell for a special listening session. Rev. Cornwell is coming back to discuss her book, *Daring Adventures: Helping Gender-Diverse Kids and Their Families Thrive.* In this book, she shares her experience as a passionate advocate for transgender and gender-diverse children. As a mother of a transgender son, she has written a beautiful and helpful book for parents seeking guidance and hope. Discover how a family's faith community can develop a deeper understanding and commitment to creating safe spaces for all. Don't miss this opportunity to learn, grow, and surround our transgender and gender-fluid kids and adults with the love and support they need.

MISSION MONDAY FOR SEPTEMBER WILL BE THIS MONDAY: We will be collecting individually wrapped meat and cheese sandwiches and baggies of homemade trail mix (No Nuts) in the BUMC parking lot from 8:30 until 10 am. These items will be delivered to Martha's Table in D.C. for distribution to the homeless and hungry. We will also be collecting non-perishable foods for Bethesda Help, and contributions to the Little Free Pantry at the same time. We hope to see you then!

UMYF: SAME FUN AT A DIFFERENT TIME: Join us at UMYF for an exhilarating time every Sunday night at 5:30 pm! We are thrilled to announce that this year, we'll be meeting a little bit earlier and taking turns providing dinner. Join us today at 5:30 p.m. as we kick off UMYF with a delicious Chipotle feast, followed by a thrilling game of manhunt and unforgettable fellowship. We'll also dive into our study of the Lord's Prayer, making this a fast-paced evening full of fun and spiritual growth. But the excitement doesn't stop there! Throughout the year, we have planned regular meetings and exciting activities, including an upcoming hay ride. We can't wait to see you there, so save the date and get ready for a fantastic time. For more information, contact shaw@washmorefeet.org.