Welcome to Bethesda UMC

Sunday, September 24, 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.

Bethesda United Methodist Church

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Seventeeth Sunday After Pentecost

Sunday, September 24, 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

"Sortie" - Nicholas Jaques Lemmens (1823-1881)

Tolling of the Church Bell

Welcome & Announcements

* Greeting

Leader: How is it with your soul?

People: It is well with our souls, but we come to be filled.

Leader: May each of you reclaim the filling of the spirit you once felt in your soul.

People: With God's help we will!

* Opening Hymn — UMH 57

"O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing" - vv. 1-5, 7

* Sharing of the Peace

SOP Song — Praise Band

"Amazing Grace - My Chains Are Gone"

LISTENING

Children's Message

Musical Selection — Praise Band

"Hallelujah Anyway!"

Prayers of the People

Anthem — Sanctuary Choir

"Verleich uns Frieden" (Lord, In Your Mercy, Grant Us Peace)
- Mendelssohn (1809-1847)

Scripture — Grace Smith

Ezekiel 36:26-28, Romans 8:11

Message — Rev. Dr. HiRho Park

How Is It With Your Soul?

RESPONDING

Invitation to Offering & Witness — Andrew Foster

* Doxology — UMH 94

"Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"

Offertory Prayer

SENDING

* Closing Hymn — UMH 377

"It Is Well with My Soul" vv. 1, 3-4

* Dismissal with Blessing
* Carrying the Light of Christ Into the World
* Choral Benediction

Closing Music

"Fugue a la Gigue" BWV 577 - J.S. Bach

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: Holly Pannullo (slides), Sam Bohn (livestream), Dave 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 24:

- 9:30 am Children's Choir Rehearsal
- 9:45 am PTR Class
- 10:00 am Sunday School
- 11:00 am Blended Worship
- 12:15 pm Workshop: Reading Music
- 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.

READING MUSIC - IT'S EASIER THAN YOU THINK (IT HAS TO BE!) What do you see when (or IF) you open the hymnal in the pew rack? Do you see an identifiable staff, distinct notes, and rhythms, or do you just see a bunch of lines, dots, and symbols that don't make any sense at all? Worse yet, do these lines, dots, and symbols intimidate or even frighten you?

There is no reason to be afraid, but if you are, you should plan to come to the chancel this at 12:15 for a light-hearted session that may help you better understand written music. Whatever your feelings about reading music, you'll enjoy spending some time with others who may feel the same way.

WOMEN'S MINISTRY POTLUCK DINNER: On Wednesday September 27 at 6:30 pm, we will gather at the home of Nancy Gauthier (944 Willowleaf Way, Rockville MD) to break bread and share fellowship together. Please bring a dish or beverage to share. All are welcome. RSVP to Andrea Medici at esqdrea@verizon.net

DIVE INTO BIBLE STUDY WITH US: Join us on Tuesday nights beginning September 26 as we embark on an incredible journey into the heart of the Scriptures. Have you ever wondered what the Bible truly says about rejoicing, reviving, and rebirth? This fall, we're delving deep into each word, unpacking their significance and discovering the transformative power they hold. Be prepared to unleash your inner nerd as your spirit grows! Whether you're a seasoned theologian or new to studying the Word, this series is for you.

So, mark your calendars and get ready to explore the treasures hidden within the pages of the Bible. For more information, contact shaw@washmorefeet.org. Together, let's embark on a journey of faith and knowledge that will revolutionize our understanding of God's Word.

HAYRIDE AT BUTLER'S ORCHARD: We invite all families to join us at Butler's Orchard on October 14th at 6:30 p.m. We will be having a hayride followed by a bonfire with s'mores. We are combining youth and children for a fun-filled evening of family fun. The cost is $10 per person; RSVP by emailing Dennis at dennis@washmorefeet.org.

FALL CLOTHING DRIVE: Our church is holding a clothing drive to collect clothes for:

- **Fairland Elementary School** (Silver Spring): boys clothing, sizes 6 to 14
- **BUMC Foster Care Closet**: boys and girls clothes, sizes 2T to size 14. (We don't need infant clothing.)
- **Interfaith Works** (A local non-profit organization with shelters, employment programs and a donation center.): all sizes of clothing for infants and children through adults.

Look for the plastic bins in the narthex. Please do not give us old, dirty clothing. We can only use clothing that is new or in good condition. We can take coats and jackets but we plan to have a coat drive in November.

For information contact Stacy Welch (snwel062@yahoo.com) or Janet Edmonds (j.edmonds@erols.com).