Welcome to Bethesda UMC

Sunday, October 1, 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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Eighteenth Sunday After Pentecost
World Communion Sunday

Sunday, October 1, 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

Opening Music/Bringing the Light of Christ

"Bist Du Bei Mir" (When Thou Art Near)
Melody by G.H. Stölzel, harmonized by J.S. Bach

Tolling of the Church Bell

Welcome & Announcements

* Greeting — Rev. Nathan Wilson

Rev. Wilson is the Liason to Churches in North America, World Council of Churches

People: Thanks be to God.

* Opening Hymn — TFWS 2221

"In Unity We Lift Our Song"

* Prayer of Confession

All: Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hidden. Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

All pray in silence

Pastor: Hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that proves God's love toward us. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

People: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

All: Glory to God. Amen.

* Sharing of the Peace

SOP Song — Praise Band

"Hey, Look! I Found It (My Inner Peace)"

LISTENING

Children's Message

* Song TFWS 2153

"I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me"

Prayers of the People

RESPONDING

Invitation to Offering & Witness — Jamie Hays

Offertory Prayer

Scripture Reading — Joy Harwood & Others

Isaiah 57:15, Matthew 22:36-40

Message

"Revive My Heart, O Lord"

The Great Thanksgiving

Music During Communion — Sanctuary Choir

"In Remembrance" from Celebrate Life - Red

SENDING FORTH

* Closing Song UMH 120

"Your Love, O God"

* Dismissal With Blessing

* Choral Benediction/Carrying the Light of Christ Into the World

Closing Music

"Postlude" from Celebrate Life - Buryl Red/Ragan Courtney

The music during communion and closing music are from the larger work, "Celebrate Life," composed in 1972. It has been a favorite of many choir members through the years and "In Remembrance" continues to be a particular favorite of many other congregations today.

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in honor of KyungJa Hong, Rev. HiRho's mother.

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
Acolyte: Taylor Ganz

Director, Bethesda Bells: Gail Williams
Tech: Bob Gillette (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, October 1: World Communion Sunday

Confirmation Retreat: Manidokan Camp & Retreat Center

- 9:30 am Children's Choir Rehearsal
- 9:45 am PTR Class
- 10:00 am Sunday School
- 11:00 am Blended Worship

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.

MISSION MONDAY IS TOMORROW: From 8:30 to 10:00 a.m., we will be collecting individually wrapped meat and cheese sandwiches and baggies of homemade trail mix in the BUMC parking lot. These donations will be delivered to McKenna's Wagon, a program of Martha's Table, to be distributed to the homeless in DC. Additionally, we will be collecting nonperishable foods for Bethesda Help and for our Little Free Pantry during that time. Please contact Nancy Smith (smithnancy@verizon.net) for details.

DIVE INTO BIBLE STUDY WITH US: Join us on Tuesday nights 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.

FASTING PRAYER ON OCTOBER 7: On the first Saturday of each month, we encourage you to fast as we pray for BUMC and its ministry. You can choose to skip a meal or two or fast for an entire day according to your health condition. Please pray for these items in October:

- Thank God for the Stewardship Campaign: Reclaim, Revive, and Rejoice in our faith and discipleship in Jesus Christ. Praise God for the Stewardship leadership and those already supported by their pledges.
- Please pray for BUMC to find a youth director who is not only faithful but also dedicated to the job. It's really important for the church to have someone who is committed and passionate about working with the youth.
- Please continue to pray for the finalization of the process of sharing the BUMC's facility.

HAYRIDE AT BUTLER'S ORCHARD: We invite all families to join us at Butler's Orchard on October 14 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).