Welcome to Bethesda UMC

Sunday, October 29, 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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Twenty-Second Sunday After Pentecost
Children's Sabbath

Sunday, October 29, 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 — Praise Band

"Come, Now Is the Time to Worship"

Bringing the Light of Christ — Lydia Sim

Tolling of the Church Bell

Welcome & Announcements

* Greeting: — Amanda, Eleanor, and Abigail Rymph

Leader: Jesus said, Let the little children come to me…

People: We come, each of us a child of God.

Leader: Jesus made sure all of those around him knew that children were an important part of God's puzzle.

People We come to recognize that each child is already part of the puzzle we are putting together in this community.

* Opening Songs — Praise Band

"Everyday"
"10,000 Reasons"
"Sanctuary"

Sharing of the Peace & Song

LISTENING

Musical Selection — Children's Choir

"Rise and Shine"

Prayers of the People

Song — Praise Band

"Trading My Sorrows"

Scripture

Jeremiah 29:11, Psalm 25:4-5

Message — Nick Ganz, Taylor Ganz, Julie Petrossian

"You Are a Piece of God's Plan"

RESPONDING

Introduction to the Offering — Lisa Nevans Locke

Offering & Offertory Music

Offertory prayer

SENDING

* Closing Song — Childrens Choir & Praise Band

"Alleluia"
"Amen"

* Dismissal with Blessing

* Carrying the Light of Christ Into the World

Closing Music

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in honor of Sue and Lance's grandson Jorge, who is visiting from Mexico for the first time.

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
Worship Leader: Bill Allman
Acolyte: Lydia Sim
Director, Bethesda Bells: Gail Williams
Tech: Sam Bohn (livestream), Steven Martin (slides), Dave Flumbaum (sound)
Coffee Hour Hosts: Debbie Gillette and Meg McKinney

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 29

- Children's Sabbath (Trick or Treat for UNICEF)
- 9:30 am Children's Choir Rehearsal
- 9:45 am PTR Class
- 10:00 am Sunday School
- 11:00 am Blended Worship
- 12:30 pm Children's Trunk or Treat
- 5:30 pm 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.

CHILDREN'S SABBATH: Today is our celebration of Children's Sabbath, a day full of special activities. Children will provide leadership throughout our worship service as we celebrate their special place in God's realm. **There will be no children's Sunday School classes or KWP offered today as children are encouraged to participate in the service.**

TRICK OR TREAT FOR UNICEF will take place during the offertory time as part of worship today. This is a beloved BUMC tradition. The congregation brings change (and small bills if they like) to stuff into UNICEF containers while the costumed children move through the sanctuary.

PIZZA AND TRUNK OR TREAT: Join us after the worship service for "Trunk or Treat," a new event that will take place in the parking lot after the worship service. We will serve pizza in the alley. Then, those who wish to participate will open the trunks of their car and give out candy, while costumed children walk from parked car to parked car.

ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY ON NOVEMBER 5: BUMC is celebrating All Saints' Sunday in worship on November 5th. As part of the service, we will name those who died in the last year and light a candle for each person. You will be invited to come up front and light a candle during the service. We will provide the candle for you.

We hope this service will be a time of healing and remembrance for all. If you would like to have your loved one's name included on the Roll Call of Saints Departed, please email Kris (kris@washmorefeet.org) by Wednesday, November 1, with their name, date of death, and their relationship to you.

GUN INDUSTRY ACCOUNTABILITY - JOIN US FOR A PANEL DISCUSSION on the current gun industry immunity from civil lawsuits and whether they should be held accountable, as was done with tobacco and pharmaceutical companies.

Join us on November 5 from 7:00 - 8:00 p.m., in-person at Temple Shalom, located at 8401 Grubb Rd, Chevy Chase, or tune in to the livestream. Our esteemed panelists include Sandy and Lonnie Phillips, founders of Survivors Empowered; Erin Davis, Senior Counsel at Brady United; and Sen. Jeff Waldstreicher (D-18). The discussion will be moderated by Karen Herren, Executive Director of Marylanders to Prevent Gun Violence. This program is free, but registration is required. Learn more and register by scanning the QR code.

NOVEMBER MISSION MONDAY will take place on November 6. Please bring meat and cheese sandwiches and baggies of homemade trail mix (without nuts) to the BUMC parking lot between 8:30 and 10:00 a.m. on that morning. These items will be delivered to Martha's Table in D.C. and distributed by McKenna's Wagon later that evening. If you have any questions, please contact Nancy (smithnancy@verizon.net) or Bruce (smithbruce@verizon.net) Smith. Thank you for your assistance!