Welcome to Bethesda UMC

Sunday, October 8, 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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Nineteenth Sunday After Pentecost
World Communion Sunday

Sunday, October 8, 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

Opening Music/Bringing the Light of Christ

Suite Gothique, Op. 25 - Léon Boëllmann (1895)
Introduction - Choral (C minor)
Menuet gothique (C major)
Prière à Notre-Dame (A-flat major)

Choral Introit

Tolling of the Church Bell

Welcome & Announcements

* Greeting

Leader: From the dust of the earth, the Holy One breathed us into life.

People: Through the breath of God, we are all connected.

Leader: Shaped in her image, God formed us with a purpose:

People: To create, To serve, To tend, To protect, To love

Leader: That life may flourish in all its forms,

People: May the Spirit of the Living God be manifest in us!

* Opening Hymn TFWS 2009

"O God Beyond All Praising"

* Sharing of the Peace

SOP Song UMH 334

"Sweet, Sweet Spirit"

LISTENING

Children's Message

Memory Verse

For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. - John 3:16

Musical Selection — Praise Band

"Creed"

Prayers of the People

Anthem — Sanctuary Choir

"River In Judea" - Feldman

Scripture — Sue O'Hara

1 Corinthians 12:12-27

Message — Rev. Dr. HiRho Park

The Power of One Another

RESPONDING

Invitation to Offering & Witness — Rachelle Cummins

Offertory prayer

SENDING

* Closing Song — Praise Band

"All the People Said 'Amen!'"

* Dismissal with Blessing

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

Closing Music

"Toccata" (C minor) - from Suite Gothique, Op. 25 - Léon Boëllmann (1895)

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: Steven Martin (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 8

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

COMING OUT NIGHT: A LISTENING SESSION: Join us on October 12 at 7:00 p.m. for a special event celebrating people coming out and embracing their true identities. This hybrid event offers Zoom and in-person options, ensuring everyone can participate comfortably and safely.

We will begin with a heartfelt prayer and a short liturgy, setting the tone for an evening of understanding and acceptance. Our guest speaker, Mark Ekstein, advocates for LGBTQIA+ issues in our schools, working closely with the county. Mark will shed light on the recent threat to the inclusive curriculum approved by the county school board, empowering us to take action. Join us as we celebrate and support one another on this journey. For more information, contact shaw@washmorefeet.org or 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).

FOUR POWERFUL WORDS BIBLE STUDY: Join us every Tuesday night through October 17 as we embark on an enriching journey, delving into the biblical meanings of four powerful words: rebirth, reclaim, rejoice, and revive. This series promises to be a wonderful time of fellowship and learning, where we gather to explore the depths of God's Word. Contact Shaw at shaw@washmorefeet.org.

ENJOY LUNCH WITH PASTORS: Join Reverend HiRho and Dr. Shaw for lunch on Sunday after the church service. We will gather at a restaurant to enjoy good food and conversation and connect with pastors and other members in a relaxed atmosphere. Our first gathering will be on October 22. If you would like to join us, please email Rev. HiRho at hrpark@washmorefeet.org by October 15. Dutch pay!

SILENCE THE VIOLENCE CONCERT with Children's Chorus of Washington and More – Saturday, October 14, 7:30 p.m. – Eighth Annual benefit concert for TraRon Center. Attend either in person at National United Methodist Church or virtually. All proceeds go to TraRon. TraRon works with children and youth in the District of Columbia who have lost loved ones to gun violence, offering them after-school programs including art therapy. BUMC is one of the concert sponsors and is helping with volunteer staff at the concert. Please buy a ticket or make a donation for this good cause. To carpool, contact Susan Bender at susanbender@comcast.net.

ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY ON NOVEMBER 5: 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.