Welcome to Bethesda UMC

Sunday, October 15, 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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Twentieth Sunday After Pentecost

Sunday, October 15, 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

"The Lord's Prayer" - J.S. Bach

Tolling of the Church Bell

Welcome & Announcements

* Greeting

Leader: The Spirit is coming to bless us all with a new song:

People: Let our joy be complete!

Leader: Gifts for the good of all, poured out on all to teach us a new song:

People: Love one another!

Leader: Strangers and neighbors, foreigners and family will join in the new song:

People: No longer servants but friends!

Leader: Come, let our worship make a joyful noise,

People: Rejoicing in the friendship of God.

* Opening Hymn UMH 68

"When In Our Music God Is Glorified"

* Sharing of the Peace

LISTENING

Children's Message

Prayers of the People Michael O'Hanlon

"Yet I Will Praise" - Andy Park
Diana Mears

Anthem Sanctuary Choir

"Cantique de Jean Racine" - Faure

Scripture Reading — John Euler

John 15:16-17, 2 Timothy 1: 8-10

Message — Rev. Dr. HiRho Park

Learning to be Joyful from Christ

RESPONDING

Invitation to Offering & Witness — Jualenda Boschulte

Music During the Offering — Bethesda Bells

For All the Saints - Vaughan Williams, arr. Lloyd Larson

Offertory Prayer

SENDING

* Closing Song — Praise Band

"The Same Love"

* Dismissal with Blessing

* Carrying the Light of Christ Into the World

Closing Music — Praise Band

"The Same Love" - reprise

TODAY'S WORSHIP MINISTRY

Pastor: Rev. Dr. HiRho Park
Director of Music: Chris Warrington
Worship Leader: David Balasundaram
Director, Bethesda Bells: Gail Williams
Tech: Steven Martin (livestream), Dave Flumbaum (sound)

Minister of Discipleship & Justice: Dr. Shaw Brewer
Sanctuary Choir Conductor: Max Nolin
Acolyte: Nico Murray

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 15

- 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 United Women of Faith

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.

THE GREATER WASHINGTON DISTRICT OF UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH will hold its Annual Celebration meeting at BUMC today with representatives from each chapter, as well as the District's leadership. All women at BUMC are invited to attend and learn more about opportunities to connect with other women across our District and Conference. Our church will provide lunch in the Fellowship Hall after our morning worship service. The meeting itself will begin around 1:00 in the Sanctuary. See you there!

THE WOMEN'S MINISTRY will hold a potluck to celebrate the spooky season on October 27, 6:30 pm at Gail Williams' house (7903 Glenbrook Rd., Bethesda MD.) All are welcome! Please bring a dish or beverage (spooky or otherwise!) to share, and we encourage you to wear a costume or other seasonal finery! For more information, or to RSVP, email Andrea Medici at esqdrea@verizon.net (not required, but helpful for preparations).

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 today. Dutch pay!

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.

YOUNG ADULTS: JOIN US for a spooktacular evening of fellowship at Jacob's House! On October 25 at 7:00 p.m., get ready for a night filled with laughter, games, and deep discussions about the future. Come hungry, as there will be delightful treats to satisfy your taste buds. For more information or to let us know you are coming, please email shaw@washmorefeet.org. Be sure to mark your calendars and spread the word.