Welcome to Bethesda UMC

Sunday, November 19, 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-Fifth Sunday After Pentecost
Thanks and Giving/Consecration Sunday

Sunday, November 19, 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

"All Things Bright and Beautiful" - Rutter

Choral Introit

Opening Music & Bringing the Light of Christ

"For the Beauty of the Earth" - Denton

Tolling of the Church Bell

Welcome & Announcements

* Greeting

Leader: I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart;
People: We will tell of all your wonderful deeds.
Leader: We will be gland and exult in you;
People: We will sing praise to your name, O Most High.
May all that we do bring honor and glory to your name.

* Opening Hymn UMH 102

"Now Thank We All Our God"

* Affirmation of Faith UMH 886

The World Methodist Social Affirmation

Sharing of the Peace & Song Praise Band

"Let the Praises Ring"

LISTENING

Children's Message

* Hymn UMH 97

"For the Fruits of This Creation"

Prayers of the People

Anthem Sanctuary Choir

"For Everyone Born" - Murray/Mann; arr. Trenney
Mary Ann Toomey, cello

Scripture — Bill Blackwelder

Psalm 95:1-7, 103:1-5

Message — Rev. Dr. HiRho Park

After All is Said and Done ...

RESPONDING

Consecration of Gifts

* Consecration Hymn — UMH 87

"What Gift Can We Bring"

Prayer of Consecration

SENDING

* Closing Song — Praise Band

"What Does the Lord Require of You?"

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

"What Does the Lord Require of You" - reprise

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: David Balasundaram
Director, Bethesda Bells: Gail Williams
Tech: Steven Martin (livestream), Carl Eichenwald (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, November 19

- 9:45 am PTR Class
- 10:00 am Sunday School
- 11:00 am Blended Worship
- 12:00 pm All Church Potluck

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.

ORDER A POINSETTIA in honor or memory of a loved one and help us decorate our Sanctuary for Christmas. Plants cost $20 and orders are due by December 11. Order envelopes are available in the Narthex. You can also place an order online (Washmorefeet.org/PoinsettiaOrder). Feel free to take your plant home any time after the 11:00 p.m. service on Christmas Eve.

TODAY IS THANKS AND GIVING SUNDAY: Today is the culmination of our financial campaign for 2024. If you have pledged already, thank you! If you have not, please be sure to make your estimate of giving in today's worship service. We will all have an opportunity to give thanks to God for our gifts.

THE THANKS AND GIVING POTLUCK LUNCH is today following the worship service. This is a wonderful time to relax and enjoy a meal with both new and old friends before the holiday craziness unfolds. BUMC will provide fried chicken and drinks. If you didn't bring a dish for today, don't worry: there will be plenty of food. **We will also need help** with setup, serving, and cleanup, as well as help refreshing the space for the gathering following the joint Thanksgiving service with Beth El on Monday evening.

JOIN US FOR A SPECIAL INTERFAITH THANKSGIVING SERVICE ON MONDAY, NOVEMBER 20: We are hosting our annual Thankgiving service with Beth El Jewish Congregation again this year. It is always a great event that brings our community together to show our thankfulness and enjoy fellowship with our neighbors. The service will take place this **Monday, November 20 at 7:30 p.m.** instead of the usual Tuesday. We welcome people of all faiths and backgrounds to come and celebrate the spirit of Thanksgiving with us. For more information, please contact Shaw at shaw@washmorefeet.org.

MESSENGER DEADLINE IS MONDAY: Don't miss the deadline for "The Messenger," our church's monthly newsletter! Get your articles, updates, and announcements in by Monday, November 20, at 5:00 p.m. This is your chance to showcase upcoming events or share the impactful work your ministry area is doing. Send your articles to communications@washmorefeet.org with "Messenger" in the subject line.

ANGEL TREE: Spread Christmas cheer this year by participating in the Angel Tree program. BUMC is partnering with The National Center for Children and Family to provide Christmas gifts to families who need a helping hand. Each ornament on our Angel Tree in the Narthex is labeled with a recipient's name, age, and gift request. We suggest that you aim to spend about $50/ornament. The tree will be up on November 27. Gifts should be wrapped, labeled with the ornament, and returned to the church by Sunday, December 17. There are also ornaments requesting grocery store gift cards and Target gift cards to be distributed to families. Gift cards should be placed in an unsealed envelope marked "Angel Tree" and can be dropped off anytime on or before December 17 in the lock box outside the church offices.

EVENSONG: A quiet, reflective service of scripture, prayer and song, Evensong is intended as a kind of emotional refuge during the busy Christmas time. Some of the church's talented acoustic and vocal musicians perform a variety of old and new. The service also includes Communion. Evensong begins on Sunday, December 3 at 7:00 p.m. and December 11 and 18.