Welcome to Bethesda UMC

Sunday, November 12, 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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Twenty-Fourth Sunday After Pentecost

Sunday, November 12, 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

"Wer Nur Den Lieben Gott"

Tolling of the Church Bell

Welcome & Announcements

* Greeting

Leader: Come, let us celebrate the forgiving, reconciling love of God.

People: For once we were lost and felt so far away;
now we have been found and welcomed home.

Leader: Know that God's love is lavished upon you forever.

People: We rejoice at the news of forgiveness and hope!

Leader: Come, let us celebrate and praise the God of Love.

People: AMEN!

* Opening Hymn — Praise Band

"Holy, Holy, Holy"

Sharing of the Peace — UMH 435

"O God of Every Nation"

LISTENING

Children's Message

* Song — Praise Band

"All My Days"

Prayers of the People

Anthem — Sanctuary Choir

"Prayer to Jehovah" - Molly James

Scripture Reading — Neil Gregory

Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

Message — Dr. Shaw Brewer

Grace and Believe: The Jesus Way

RESPONDING

Introduction to the Offering — Rachelle Cummins

Offering & Offertory Music — Bethesda Bells

"Joy In the Morning" - Sleeth
arr. Martha Lynn Thompson

* Doxology — UMH 94

"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

Offertory Prayer

SENDING

* Closing Hymn — UMH 157

"Jesus Shall Reign"

Dismissal with Blessing

Carrying the Light of Christ Into the World

Choral Benediction

Closing Music

"Postlude on Mit Freuden Zart"

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: John Euler
Director, Bethesda Bells: Gail Williams
Tech: Sam Bohn (livestream), Steven Martin (slides), Dave Flumbaum (sound)
Coffee Hour Hosts: Sue Owen & Lance Leverenz, Cindy Osnos

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 12

- 9:30 am Children's Choir Rehearsal
- 9:45 am PTR Class
- 10:00 am Sunday School
- 11:00 am Blended Worship
- 4:00 pm Racial Justice Witness
- 4:30 pm UMYF Movie Night

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.

MEN'S GROUP MEET & GREET: After this morning's worship service, grab some coffee and snacks from the narthex and head to the Fellowship Hall for a quick 20-minute introduction and overview of the group. Come meet other members and see if the group is a good fit for you!

A SEASON OF ALMOST: A PRE-ADVENT STUDY: Are you tired of the overwhelming rush that comes with the holiday season? Do you long for Christmas to feel different this year? Join us for a four-week study that continues with classes on November 14, 28, and December 5.

In this study, we will explore the true meaning of Christmas and how it can bring fulfillment and abundance to our lives. Christmas is more than just another item on our to-do list – it is a symbol of hope and expectation. As we wait for Christ's birth, let's practice being more loving, forgiving, and patient.

The study will be offered both online and in person in the Narthex. Don't let the holiday stress get you down: discover what God has to offer you in this season of waiting. For more information, email shaw@washmorefeet.org.

JOIN US FOR UMYF MOVIE NIGHT! Calling all youth ages 12-18 to come and have a blast with us this afternoon from 4:30-7:00 p.m. We will be screening the highly enjoyable "Frozen 2"! Get ready for an evening filled with warmth, laughter, and adventure as we cozy together. Don't forget to bring your blankets and pillows to create your ultimate movie-watching experience. We've got you covered with popcorn and dinner, so you only need to bring yourself and your friends. This epic movie night will take place at the church, so invite everyone you know. For more information, email shaw@washmorefeet.org.

BISHOP WENNER FROM GERMANY SPEAKING: We are thrilled to announce that Bishop Rosemarie Wenner from Germany will join the Confirmation Class via Zoom on November 19 from 10:00 a.m. to 10:40 a.m. She will share her insights on the United Methodist Church as a worldwide church. Bishop Wenner was the first woman to be elected as bishop outside of the US in the UMC, so her perspective will be invaluable to us. **All ages are invited;** donuts and coffee will be available. If you want to join us via Zoom, please contact Rev. HiRho at hrpark@washmorefeet.org.

THE THANKS AND GIVING POTLUCK LUNCH will be held on November 19 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. Please bring a side or dessert to share as you are able. If "life gets in the way", come anyway; 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. Please scan the QR code if you can help. Please contact Mary Ann Toomey at maryann.toomey@gmail.com or Sue Owen at susyowen@hotmail.com if you have questions.