Welcome to Bethesda UMC

Sunday, January 21, 2024

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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Third Sunday in Epiphany

Sunday, January 21, 2024 10:00 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

Sanctuary Choir

Opening Music & Bringing the Light of Christ

"Liebster Jesu, wir sind hier" (Blessed Jesus, We Are Here) - J.S. Bach, arr. Fox/Hebble

Tolling of the Church Bell

Welcome & Announcements

* Greeting

(All:) **We are witnesses**
to the love God has poured into us.
We are witnesses of God's love,
sharing it with each person we meet.
We are witnesses to everyone we encounter,
little children like us,
sisters and brothers in God's family.

* Opening Song Praise Band

"The Same Love"

* Companion Litany to the Social Creed

Leader: God in the Spirit revealed in Jesus Christ, calls us by grace

People: to be renewed in the image of our Creator, that we may be one in divine love for the world.

Leader: Today is the day God cares for the integrity of creation,
wills the healing and wholeness of all life, weeps at the plunder of earth's goodness.

People: And so shall we.

Leader: Today is the day God embraces all hues of humanity, delights in diversity and difference, favors solidarity transforming strangers into friends.

People: And so shall we.

Leader: Today is the day God deplores violence in our homes and streets, rebukes the world's warring madness, humbles the powerful and lifts up the lowly.

People: And so shall we.

Leader: Today is the day God brings good news to the poor, proclaims release to the captives, gives sight to the blind, and sets the oppressed free.

People: And so shall we.

* Sharing of the Peace & Song TFWS 2171

"Make Me a Channel of Your Peace"

LISTENING

Childrens Message

Musical Selection Praise Band

"Remain In Me"

Prayers of the People

Anthem Sanctuary Choir

"It Is Well With My Soul" - Fettke

Scripture Reading Janet Edmonds

John 1:35-42

Message Dr. Shaw Brewer

"You Will Be My Witnesses"

RESPONDING

Invitation to Offering & Offertory Hymn TFWS 2227

"We Are the Body of Christ"

* Doxology TFWS 2150 vv. 1 & 4

"Lord, Be Glorified"

* Offertory Prayer

SENDING

* Closing Hymn UMH 157

"Jesus Shall Reign"

* Dismissal & Blessing

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

"Amen" from The Lord Bless You and Keep You - Rutter

Closing Music

"In dir ist freude" (In Thee Is Gladness) - J.S Bach
from Das Orgelbuchlein

TODAY'S WORSHIP MINISTRY

Pastor: Rev. Dr. HiRho Park
Minister of Discipleship & Justice: Dr. Shaw Brewer
Worship Leader: John Euler
Director of Music: Chris Warrington
Sanctuary Choir Conductor: Max Nolin
Director, Bethesda Bells: Gail Williams
Tech: Sam Bohn (livestream), Steven Martin (Slides), David Flumbaum (sound)
Coffee Hour Hosts: Enrica Lipata; Amelia, Lucy & Will Butera

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, January 21

- 8:30 am Children's Choir Rehearsal
- 8:45 am PTR Class
- 9:00 am Sunday School
- 10:00 am Worship
- 10:15 am Kids With Purpose

Please Donate

"LIFT AND SHIFT" (our Sunday morning schedule change) has been in place since January 7. We sincerely hope you are finding it to be a successful choice, or at least you are willing to give it a fair chance. We welcome feedback, pro or con, at any time, to help us when we evaluate the change at the end of May.

ART SCREEN IN THE NARTHEX: Be sure to stop by and view the new screen in the narthex, between the two memorial plaques. Its purpose? To display artworks produced by BUMC members and friends. Do you have a painting, photograph, or other piece of visual art that you wish to display? Email it to Steve at communications@washmorefeet.org or text it to him at 202-412-4323.

TEST YOUR KNOWLEDGE FOR A CAUSE: TRIVIA NIGHT! Put on your thinking caps and join for a fun-filled Trivia Night on Saturday, February 3, beginning at 4:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall! This isn't just about fun; it's an earnest endeavor to raise funds for the Youth Mission Trips. We kindly request a donation of $10 per person. Please enlist your team or RSVP individually to Susie Sabatano at sabatanos@comcast.net. Don't worry if you don't have a team; we'll assign you to one. Teams are capped at 8 members. Bring a snack to share and fire up your competitive spirit! Get in touch 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, January 22, 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.

DIVE INTO DISCUSSIONS AT THEOLOGY ON TAP: We're excited to announce that starting January 24, 2024, at 7:00 p.m., we're launching Theology on Tap, a monthly gathering for young adults every fourth Wednesday. Let's break bread, sip your preferred drink, and delve into profound conversations about faith. This month, we're focusing on the importance of caring for others.

Remember, Theology on Tap is just one of our many activities young adults can participate in. Along with being invited into any of the ministries in our congregation, please mark your calendars for our annual food and fellowship event after Ash Wednesday on February 14. Please contact shaw@washmorefeet.org. Join us, and let's deepen our faith together.

WOMEN'S MINISTRY POTLUCK: Please join us for the Women's Ministry potluck dinner on Wednesday, January 31 at 6:30 p.m. We will gather in the community room at Lionsgate condominiums, the home of Shaw Brewer. Lionsgate is located at 7710 Woodmont Ave., near the intersection with Old Georgetown Rd. The concierge will direct you to the elevator for the mezzanine level. There is a public parking garage entrance on Woodmont just north of the building. (It is also very close to the Bethesda Metro station.) Please bring a dish or beverage to share. To RSVP, or for more information, email Andrea Medici at esqdrea@verizon.net. All are welcome!

CALLING ALL ARTISTS: From March 16-24, we will hold a congregational art show in the Narthex and in Lonnie's Lobby. All members of the BUMC community from the youngest artist to the oldest are invited to participate. If you are interested in participating, please contact Mike Mitchell at mcmitchell51@gmail.com or 301-526-0695.