Welcome to Bethesda UMC

Sunday, January 28, 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.

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Fourth Sunday in Epiphany
Lay Leadership Celebration

Sunday, January 28, 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

Opening Music & Bringing the Light of Christ

"Tranquility" - Parry (1848-1918)

Tolling of the Church Bell

Welcome & Announcements

* Greeting

Leader: We gather today to worship the One who created us,

People: The One who calls us,

Leader: The One who equips us,

People: The One who loves us without end.

All: With joyful hearts, let us worship God!

* Opening Hymn TFWS 2009

"O God Beyond All Praising"

Recognition of Leaders

Pastor: Do you this day acknowledge yourselves as faithful disciples of Jesus Christ?

Leaders: We do.

Pastor: Will you devote yourself to the service of God in the world?

Leaders: We will.

Pastor: Will you so live that you enable this church to be a people of love and peace?

Leaders: We will.

* Sharing of the Peace & Song Praise Band & Congregation

"From the Rising of the Sun"

LISTENING

Childrens Message

Memory Verse: *We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose.* - Romans 8:28

Musical Selection — Praise Band & Congregation

"I Will Trust In the Lord"

Prayers of the People — Mike Moran

Anthem — Sanctuary Choir

"O Praise the Lord with Heart and Voice" - Haydn

Scripture Reading

Jeremiah 32:1-15

Message — Neil Gregory, Lay Leader

"Buy Into a Better Future"

RESPONDING

Invitation to Offering & Offertory Music — Rachelle Cummins

"I Need Thee Every Hour" - Robert Lowry (1826-1899)
Setting by Emma Lou Diemer

* Doxology — UMH 94

"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

* Offertory Prayer

SENDING

* Closing Hymn — UMH 539

"O Spirit of the Living God"

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

Closing Music

"Allegro" - Johann Gottfried Walther (1684-1748)

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: Sam Bohn (livestream), Holly Pannullo (Slides), David Flumbaum (sound)
Coffee Hour Hosts: Michael Manson, MaryAnn Toomey

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 28: Celebration & Installation of Lay Leaders

- 8:45 am PTR Class
- 9:00 am Sunday School
- 10:00 am Worship
- 10:15 am Kids With Purpose
- 11:15 am Families With Dementia
- 4:00 pm Racial Justice Witness

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.

NEXT SUNDAY IS SCOUT SUNDAY: Join us on Sunday, February 4, in a celebration of Scout Sunday. We encourage all former Scouts to honor their scouting journey by donning their uniforms. This is a fantastic opportunity to show our Scouts how proud we are of them and their commitment. Let's come together and support these young individuals who exemplify courage, character, and community service.

CHURCH COUNCIL RETREAT: Members of the Church Council are invited to the planning retreat for the year on February 3, from 8:30 a.m. to noon. This retreat will be a special time for us to come together and plan for the future of our church community. Your insights and participation will greatly contribute to the success of this retreat and the overall direction of our church.

FASTING PRAYER ON FEBRUARY 3: On the first Saturday of each month, we encourage you to fast as we pray for BUMC and its ministry. You can choose to skip a meal or two or fast for an entire day according to your health condition. Please pray for these items in January:

- May God fill BUMC's leaders with the Holy Spirit as they participate in the Church Council Leadership Retreat on February 3.
- May God lead the facility-sharing contract to fruition.
- May God grant us a servant leader who will lead our youth and young adults as the Director of Youth and Young Adult Ministries.

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.

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!