Welcome to Bethesda UMC

Sunday, January 7, 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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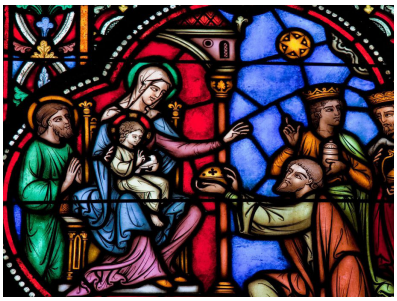

First Sunday in Epiphany

Sunday, January 7, 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 — Praise Band

"Today"

Choral Introit

Prelude

"Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring" - J.S. Bach

Tolling of the Bell

Candle Lighting

Welcoming and Announcements

* Greeting

Leader: Brothers and sisters in Christ:
Through the Sacrament of Baptism
we are initiated into Christ's holy Church.
We are incorporated into God's mighty acts of salvation and
given new birth through water and the Spirit.

People: All this is God's gift, offered to us without price.
Through the reaffirmation of our faith
we renew the covenant declared at our baptism,
acknowledge what God is doing for us,
and affirm our commitment to Christ's holy Church. Amen.

* Opening Hymn — UMH 247

"O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright"

* Epiphany Prayer

LISTENING

Children's Message

Musical Selection — Praise Band

"Shine On Us"

Offertory Invitation & Prayer

Anthem — Sanctuary Choir

"The Shepherd's Farewell" - Berlioz

Prayers of the People

Scripture — Joy Harwood

Matthew 2:1-12, Mark 1:4-11

Message — Rev. Dr. HiRho Park

"In Good Company"

RESPONDING

* The Great Thanksgiving & Renewal of Baptism

Pastor: The Lord be with you.
People: And also with you.
Pastor: Lift up your hearts.
People: We lift them up to the Lord.
Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Pastor: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere...and join their unending hymn:

People: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Pastor: Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ...
...Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

People: Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

Pastor: Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here...
...almighty God, now and for ever.

People: Amen.

* Closing Hymn — TFWS 2100

"Thou Didst Leave Thy Throne"

SENDING

* Dismissal and Blessing
* Choral Benediction
* Candle Extinguishing

Postlude

"O Praise the Lord With One Consent" - W.T. Best (1826-1897)

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
Acolyte: Chloe Cevallos
Tech: Sam Bohn (livestream), Steven Martin (Slides), David Flumbaum (sound)
Coffee Hour Hosts: Sue O'Hara, Susan Bender

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 7

- 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
- 5:00 pm United Methodist Youth Fellowship

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.

DAY OF SERVICE: We are excited to participate in the Day of Service for Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. on Sunday, January 14, by preparing sandwiches! These sandwiches will be delivered to McKenna's Wagon.

You are warmly invited to join us in making meat and cheese sandwiches and trail mix in Founder's Hall at the church, immediately following the 10:00 AM service. If you are unable to stay after the service, we would greatly appreciate any supplies you can drop off beforehand.

For the sandwiches, we need the following supplies:

- Bread (wheat is preferred)
- Meat (such as sliced ham, turkey, bologna, etc.)
- Sliced cheese (any variety)

For the trail mix, we need:

- Cereal base (like wheat, rice, or corn chex, cheerios, etc.)
- Salty items (pretzels, goldfish, any small crackers, etc.)
- Dried fruit (Craisins, raisins, banana chips, etc.)
- Non-melting candy (such as M&M's, Skittles, etc.)

Join us in the Fellowship Hall after worship for a time of fun and service!

MISSION MONDAY IN JANUARY will be held in connection with BUMC's Martin Luther King Day of Service. If you would like to make sandwiches or trail mix ahead of time, you are welcome to bring them to the church kitchen Sunday morning.

We will also have our regular Mission Monday collection in the church parking lot from 8:30 until 10:00 Monday morning, January 15. We will collect non-perishable items for Bethesda Help and supplies to stock the Little Free Pantry at the church at the same time. We hope to see you either Sunday and/or Monday to help feed the hungry in our area!

IGNITE YOUR SPIRIT WITH SERVICE AND EXCITEMENT THIS MONTH: Attention all youth! On Sunday, January 14, join us after the worship service for sandwich-making on Martin Luther King, Jr. Sunday. Then on January 21, we will be Packing Manna Sacks to help feed children and families at Fairland Elementary School in Silver Spring.

After all of this hard work your labor of love, we will reward ourselves on January 27 with a thrilling snow tubing experience! Remember, we're not just serving; we're also having a blast!

THE BUMC BOOK GROUP will meet on Wednesday, January 17 at 7:30 p.m. to discuss The Water Dancer by Ta-Nehisi Coates. We will meet in the BUMC Narthex and on Zoom. Everyone is invited. For the Zoom link and any questions, please contact Jill Barr at barr.jillh@gmail.com. We hope you will join us.