Welcome to Bethesda UMC

Sunday, February 11, 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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Transfiguration Sunday

Sunday, February 11, 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

Opening Music

Bringing the Light of Christ — Praise Band

"Hallelujah Anyway!"

Choral Introit

Tolling of the Church Bell

Welcome & Announcements

* Greeting

Leader: A light that welcomes a more profound way of seeing things
that transfigures the world,
People: It is a glory that meets us here
on this mountain!
Leader: Where Jesus Christ, covered in the dust of the world,
is caught up in the glory of heaven,
All: We come to this mountain!

* Opening Hymn — UMH 258

"O Wondrous Sight! O Vision Fair"

* Sharing of the Peace & Hymn — UMH 729

"O Day of Peace That Dimly Shines"

LISTENING

Childrens Message

Memory Verse:
Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances,
for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.
- 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

Prayers of the People

Anthem — Sanctuary Choir

"If Ye Love Me" - Thomas Tallis (1505-1585)

Scripture Reading — Taylor Ganz

Mark 9:2-9

Message — Rev. Dr. HiRho Park

"Crossing Over"

RESPONDING

Invitation to Offering — Rev. Bryan Baker

Offertory Music — Praise Band

"Revolutionary"

* Offertory Prayer

SENDING

* Closing Hymn — TFWS 2102

"Swiftly Pass the Clouds of Glory"

* Dismissal & Blessing

* Choral Benediction

Carrying the Light of Christ Into the World

Closing Music

"Prelude and Fugue in c minor," BWV 549 - J.S. Bach

This Lenten season, we are thrilled to present an opportunity for spiritual growth through our enlightening Bible study groups based on our Lent Series "Good Enough". A diverse range of options has been planned to accommodate everyone's schedule. We believe this is a wonderful chance to delve deeper into our faith and form comforting relationships. Be it early risers who get to church early on Sunday mornings, or night owls who want to gather with their church community after work, there's a group for everyone. To register, please use the Signup Genius found in the weekend update or find sign-up sheets in the narthex. For queries, feel free to reach out at shaw@washmorefeet.org. We eagerly await your participation in this enriching journey!

TODAY'S WORSHIP MINISTRY

Pastor: Rev. Dr. HiRho Park
Minister of Discipleship & Justice: Dr. Shaw Brewer
Worship Leader: Sue Owen
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: Susan Dahiya, Cece Studabaker

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, February 11: VBS Kick-off & Souper Bowl of Caring

- 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
- 11:00 am Listening Session: Bryan Baker
- 4:00 pm Racial Justice Witness

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.

SCORE A TOUCHDOWN WITH COMPASSION: OUR ANNUAL SOUPER BOWL OF CARING: Today is our annual Souper Bowl of Caring: bring canned goods to replenish our little pantry and support Bethesda Help. Every can you donate is a victory for those in our neighborhood who need a helping hand. Choose your champion team's container, and let's see who scores the most donations! Remember, the real winners are those we help when we give from the heart. Please contact Join us because together, we can make a difference!

GUN VIOLENCE PREVENTION LISTENING SESSION: Please join us for a listening session following Sunday worship with Reverend Bryan Baker, chaplain at Children's National Hospital in Washington, DC. He will share with us some of his experiences working with families of gun violence victims. This session will take place in the Fellowship Hall. Bring your snacks downstairs from the Narthex.

SHROVE TUESDAY: Join us at 5:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall for a Pancake Supper! Our dedicated youth will be at the helm, flipping pancakes and cooking sides, all in an effort to raise funds for their summer mission trip. Donations for the meal are most welcome. Encourage friends and neighbors to join us!

REFRESH AND REFLECT: ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICES: Mark your calendars for February 14 as we commemorate Ash Wednesday with three special services.

- First, kick off your day with a moment of reflection in our sanctuary at 7 a.m., accompanied by bagels, coffee, and ashes to go.
- Second, pause the hustle of your day and join us at noon for a brief ceremony packed with a homily, prayer, communion, and ashes.
- Or third, immerse yourself in our traditional Lenten service at 7 p.m., featuring communion, music, an Ash Wednesday sermon, and ashes. This service will be both in-person and online. Let's embrace the Lenten season together. Contact shaw@washmorefeet.org.

BUMC BOOK GROUP: The BUMC Book Group will meet on Wednesday, February 21, at 7:30 p.m. to discuss "Five Little Indians" by Michelle Good. 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.

LENTEN EVENSONGS - A REVERENT RESPITE: The cherished tradition of Evensong returns this Lenten season. Every Sunday at 7 p.m., we cordially invite you to join us in a solemn service of scripture readings, prayers, and songs. This contemplative evening offers a tranquil space amidst our bustling lives. Our gifted musicians will melodiously guide us through diverse acoustic and vocal pieces. Communion will be a part of our gathering. Our final Evensong on March 24 will be a special anointing service, bestowing peace and preparing us for Holy Week.