Welcome to Bethesda UMC

Sunday, March 3, 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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Third Sunday in Lent

Sunday, March 3, 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

"Prelude and fugue in E minor" BWV 533 - J.S. Bach

Tolling of the Church Bell

Welcome & Announcements

* Greeting

Leader: Christ looks upon each one with love and says,
People: "You are welcome at my table."
Leader: Will you come?
People: Yes!
Leader: Will you bring your troubles?
People: Yes!
Leader: This is the place where you need not be perfect; Jesus invited many to his tables, and in doing so, he assured them of their place in the illogical reign of love and grace.
People: We come assured of Jesus's love and grace.

* Opening Hymn UMH 579 - vv. 1-5

"Lord God, Your Love Has Called Us Here"

* Sharing of the Peace & Song Praise Band and Congregation

"Draw the Circle Wide"

LISTENING

Childrens Message

"For by grace you have been saved through faith,
and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God." Ephesians 2:8

Invitation to Offering Jack Gormley- Eagle Scout project

Prayers of the People/Offertory prayer

Anthem Sanctuary Choir

"Ubi Caritas" - Ola Gjeilo (b. 1978)

Where charity and love are, God is there.
Christ's love has gathered us into one.
Let us rejoice and be pleased in Him.
Let us fear, and let us love the living God.
And may we love each other with a sincere heart.

Scripture Reading — Mike Mitchell, Wyatt Fotaides

John 2:13-22, 1 Corinthians 1:18-25

Message — Dr. Carla Works

"Sacrifices and Signposts"

Communion

Lord's Prayer

Music During Communion — Praise Band

"In Remembrance of Me"

SENDING

* Closing Hymn — UMH 664 vv.1-2

"Sent Forth by God's Blessing"

* Dismissal & Blessing

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

* Closing Music

MARCH IS WOMEN'S HERSTORY MONTH

March is "Women's 'Herstory' Month" and the theme for 2024 is "Women Who Advocate for Equity, Diversity and Inclusion." This theme captures the essence of BUMC's Wash More Feet mission statement of "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 socially, politically, and theologically diverse, yet we are one in the body of Christ." A very small sampling of women who have advocated for equity, diversity, and inclusion include – Catherine Booth, who was co-founder of The Salvation Army, along with her husband William Booth; Susanna Wesley, known as the Mother of Methodism. because two of her sons, John And Charles Wesley, are thought to have applied the example, teachings, and circumstances of their home life to the founding of the Methodist church; and Amanda Gorman, the first person to be named as the National Youth Poet Laureate, who focuses her work on issues of oppression, feminism, race, and marginalization, as well as the African diaspora.

The Outreach and Social Justice Committee recognizes that Black History Month, Women's History Month, LGBTQ+ Pride Month (June), and other Heritage months are belated efforts to recognize, at least briefly, the enormous accomplishments and contributions made to all of our lives by these historically marginalized peoples. We encourage not just a monthly "shoe-horned" recognition of these "groups," but a continuing and lifelong appreciation of the richness, vibrancy, sustaining, and life-altering contributions made by all of our brethren in humankind to the tapestry of life.

TODAY'S WORSHIP MINISTRY

Pastor: Rev. Dr. HiRho Park
Minister of Discipleship & Justice: Dr. Shaw Brewer
Preacher: Dr. Carla Works
Director of Music: Chris Warrington
Sanctuary Choir Conductor: Max Nolin
Director, Bethesda Bells: Gail Williams
Tech: Sam Bohn (livestream), Bob Gillette (slides), David Flumbaum (sound)
Coffee Hour Hosts: Joy Harwood, Scott & Heidi Lewis

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, March 3: 3rd Sunday of Lent

- 8:45 am PTR Class
- 9:00 am Sunday School
- 10:00 am Worship: Guest Preacher Dr. Carla Works
- 10:15 am Kids With Purpose
- 7:00 pm Evensong Worship

Ya Gotta Give!

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.

LENTEN EVENSONG CONTINUES TONIGHT: During the six Sundays of Lent, BUMC will be hosting an additional evening service. This service will include music, a short message, and communion. It is a peaceful and meaningful way to unwind from the past week or spiritually recharge for the upcoming week within the context of your faith. Join us at 7:00 p.m. each Sunday evening through Palm Sunday.

OUR MARCH MISSION MONDAY will take place tomorrow! We will collect individually wrapped meat and cheese sandwiches, as well as baggies of trail mix, between 8:30 and 10:00 a.m. in the Huntington Parkway Parking lot. These items will be distributed by Martha's Table at various locations across Washington that evening. In addition to food items, we will also be collecting non-perishable foods for Bethesda Help and supplies for our Little Free Pantry at BUMC during the collection time

FOLK FEST – A BUMC TRADITION: All singers, players, dancers, and poetry readers are welcome at our annual Folk Fest on March 16. If you have been considering performing in public in a safe environment, now is your chance. Contact John Euler at john@eulers.net or 301-509-7478.

EASTER FLOWERS: Help beautify our sanctuary for Easter Sunday by ordering Easter flowers. Yellow daffodils and pink tulips are priced at $22, or choose the stunning blue hydrangeas for $30. Orders must be placed by Sunday, March 17. Order envelopes are available in the Narthex, or you can place your order online at https://washmorefeet.org/easter-flower-orders/. After the 10:00 am Easter service, feel free to take your chosen flower(s) home to continue the festive spirit. Let these vibrant Easter flowers symbolize renewal and joy as we celebrate this special occasion together.

THE ART OF BEING A UNITED METHODIST: From Saturday morning, March 16, through Sunday morning, March 24, we will hold a congregation art show in the Narthex and in Lonnie's Lobby. All members of the Bethesda United Methodist Church (BUMC) community, from the youngest artist to the oldest artist, are invited to participate. All art media – watercolors, oils, acrylics, pastels, tempera, charcoal sketches, pencil and ink sketches, computer graphics, collages, sculptures, jewelry, stained glass, needlework, quilts, and photography – are welcome in the show. Please contact Mike Mitchell by email at mcmitchell51@gmail.com or by phone at 301-526-0695 to participate.

EGGS-TRAORDINARY EASTER PREPARATIONS: Get involved in the joy of Easter as we prepare for our annual Egg Hunt! From now until March 17, we ask for your help picking up and filling Easter eggs. Please ensure they're filled with small toys or candy (no nuts, please). Your contributions will add to the excitement and fun for our young ones on Easter Sunday. For egg pickup and other related inquiries, kindly email dennis@washmorefeet.org.

HERITAGE SUNDAY IS MARCH 17: Be sure to mark Heritage Sunday on your calendar. It will be a special day for our church. We will welcome back Rev. Ron Foster as our guest preacher and enjoy fellowship at our traditional potluck following the service. We plan to showcase photos of BUMC's members and activities along the walls of the Fellowship Hall. Please send your favorite pictures from the past, near-past, and present, to Sue Owen at susyowen@hotmail.com.

For any inquiries, please contact Sue Owen with the Connect Committee at 202-360-0774.