Welcome to Bethesda UMC

Sunday, February 4, 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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Fifth Sunday in Epiphany
Scout Sunday

Sunday, February 4, 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
Tolling of the Church Bell
Welcome & Announcements

* Greeting

Leader: Seek after these things.
All: What shall we seek?
Leader: Whatever is true
All: We seek to be trustworthy and loyal.
Leader: Whatever is honorable.
All: We seek to keep our honor bright.
Leader: Whatever is right and pure.
All: We seek to keep ourselves mentally awake and morally straight.
Leader: Whatever you have learned or received or heard or seen in God, put into practice.
All: We will do our best. Amen.

* Opening Hymn UMH 92

"For the Beauty of the Earth"

Scout Dedication

* Sharing of the Peace & Song UMH 405

"Seek Ye First"

LISTENING

Recognition of Scouts
Children's Message
Invitation to Offering
Offertory Prayer
Offertory Music — Bethesda Bells
"WIthin the Darkest Night" - Derek Hakes
* Doxology — UMH 95
"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"
Prayers of the People — Mike Mitchell
Anthem — Sancturay Choir
"I Sat Down Under His Shadow"-Bairstow
Scripture — Geoff Noble-Manson and Elijah Baker
Luke 10:27, Proverbs 22:6
Message — Rev. Bryan Baker
"Do Your Best"
Communion

SENDING

* Closing Hymn — TFWS 2008
"Let All Things Now Living"
* Dismissal & Blessing
* Choral Benediction & Carrying the Light of Christ Into the World
Closing Music

TODAY'S WORSHIP MINISTRY

Pastor: Rev. Dr. HiRho Park
Preaching: Rev. Bryan Baker
Director of Music: Chris Warrington
Director, Bethesda Bells: Gail Williams
Minister of Discipleship & Justice: Dr. Shaw Brewer
Acolyte: Chloe Cevallos
Sanctuary Choir Conductor: Max Nolin
Tech: Steven Martin (livestream), Bob Gillette (Slides), David Flumbaum (sound)
Coffee Hour Hosts: Scouts

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 4: Scout Sunday

- 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.

TODAY IS SCOUT SUNDAY: Join us in a celebration of Scout Sunday. 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.

TOMORROW IS MISSION MONDAY: We will continue our regular sandwich and trail mix collection for Martha's Table on February 5. We will be in the BUMC parking lot from 8:30 until 10:00 that morning. If Monday isn't convenient, you are welcome to leave sandwiches and/or trail mix in the refrigerator in the church kitchen. We will also collect non-perishable foods for Bethesda Help and supplies to stock BUMC's Little Free Pantry at the same time! We really appreciate everything you do to help feed the hungry in our area.

SCORE A TOUCHDOWN WITH COMPASSION: OUR ANNUAL SOUPER BOWL OF CARING: On Sunday, February 11, be part of the 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!

SHROVE TUESDAY: Join us 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 the fun!

DIVE INTO FEBRUARY'S FANTASTIC YOUTH EVENTS: We've planned three fantastic events for our vibrant youth community this February. Today, let's spark some joy in the UMYF night full of food, games, and fun in the fellowship hall from 5 to 6:30 p.m. Then, on the 14th, we're cooking up camaraderie in our Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper, where YOU are the chefs and servers. It's always a blast; you won't want to miss it! And on February 25, we're stepping out for a thrilling adventure. Stay tuned for more information, and don't forget to email shaw@washmorefeet.org for any queries. We can't wait to see you there!

EVENSONG DURING LENT: During the six Sundays of Lent, BUMC will be hosting an additional evening service. This service will include music, a short message, and communion. The service will feature acoustic music performed by talented voices, showcasing folk, gospel, and praise music in a relaxed and contemplative atmosphere. 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. We invite you to join us at 7 p.m. starting Sunday, February 18, through Palm Sunday.

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.