Welcome to Bethesda UMC

Sunday, April 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.

Bethesda United Methodist Church

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Second Sunday of Easter

Sunday, April 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

Choral Introit

Opening Music & Bringing the Light of Christ

Tolling of the Church Bell

Welcome & Announcements

* Greeting

Leader: In spite of our doubts,
may we recognize you in our midst,
resurrected Savior.

**People: Yes, in spite of our doubts,
we know in this place we will come face-to-face
with the love of Christ.**

Leader: And even through our faith we
may leave this place with our doubts,

**People: but may we leave ready to reach out
to touch the world and give it this peace.**

* Opening Hymn — UMH 327 vv. 1-4

"Crown Him with Many Crowns"

* Sharing of the Peace & Song — UMH 311 vv. 1-4

"Now the Green Blade Riseth"

LISTENING

Childrens Message

"Seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well." - Matthew 6:33

Hymn — UMH 369 vv. 1-3

"Blessed Assurance"

Invitation to Offering & Offertory Music — Max Nolin - soloist

"Because He Lives"

* Doxology — UMH 94

"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

* Offertory Prayer

Scripture Reading — Nick Ganz

John 20:19-31

Message — Rev. Dr. HiRho Park

How Shall We Live?

Reflective Hymn — UMH 393

"Spirit of the Living God"

Communion

Music During Communion — Sanctuary Choir

"The Risen Christ"

SENDING

* Closing Hymn — UMH 310 vv.1-3

"He Lives"

* Dismissal & Blessing

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

Closing Music

SURVEY: WORSHIP TIME

The BUMC Church Council and Worship Committee have designed the survey, included with your bulletin, to gather information on your participation in worship opportunities and how the time change of the worship service from 11:00 am to 10:00 am may have impacted your participation. This survey should take you less than 5 minutes. Please respond to the survey and leave it in the basket in the Narthex or in Lonnie's Lobby as you leave worship today.

For those of you worshiping online, a link will appear during the offering that you can click on to respond to the questions.

Thank you for your responses!

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), Bob Gillette (slides), David Flumbaum (sound)
Coffee Hour: Emily Cevallos, Joy Harwood

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, April 7

- 8:45 am PTR Class
- 9:00 am Sunday School
- 10:00 am Worship
- 10:15 am Kids With Purpose
- 11:15 am Families Caring For a Loved One With Dementia
- 5:00 pm United Methodist Youth Fellowship

Please Donate

MISSION MONDAY FOR APRIL will be on Monday, April 8, 2024! We will collect individually wrapped meat and cheese sandwiches and baggies of homemade trail mix in the BUMC parking lot on Monday morning from 8:30 to 10:00 a.m. These items will be delivered to McKenna's Wagon to be distributed that evening at various locations in DC. Additionally, we will accept non-perishable foods for our Little Free Pantry during the same time. If you are unable to come on Monday, you can leave sandwiches and trail mix in the refrigerator in the Church Kitchen on Sunday, April 7. Please mark your bag for Mission Monday. We look forward to seeing you on Monday, April 8!

EXPLORING JESUS' TEACHINGS: A DEEP DIVE INTO THE DIFFICULT WORDS: Embark on a fascinating journey every Tuesday night, starting April 9, as we delve into the study of "The Difficult Words of Jesus" by Amy-Jill Levine. This enlightening examination intends to illuminate how Jesus' challenging teachings may have resonated with the first listeners and how we might perceive them in the light of the Gospel's message of love and reconciliation. Join us on Zoom at 7:30 pm for this interactive study session, which includes author videos and lively discussions. Contact Shaw at shaw@washmorefeet.org for the Zoom link. Let's unravel the profound together!

PRAY FOR THE CHURCH: The United Methodist Church (UMC) is currently at a crucial juncture in its history. This General Conference presents an opportunity for God and the Holy Spirit to work within us and through us for the betterment of the entire church. To assist with this, The Upper Room has provided a daily prayer guide specifically for the General Conference. Check in the narthex for a printed copy, or scan this QR code to download the guide.

COOKOUT AT LOCUST GROVE: Children, youth, and their families are invited to join us at the Locust Grove Nature Center (7777 Democracy Blvd) on Saturday, April 20, from 5:00–6:30 p.m., for fellowship around the campfire. Enjoy some time hiking, playing, visiting, and eating hot dogs and s'mores with other Bethesda United Methodist Church families. There are benches, but feel free to bring portable chairs, as well as frisbees, soccer balls, and other outdoor toys.

EMPOWERING VOICES - A HEART-TO-HEART SESSION WITH ANDREA & DR. SHAW: Join us on April 14 from 11:15 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. for an inspiring session of shared experiences and heartfelt conversations. Our very own Dr. Shaw and Andrea Hamel will lead a listening session dedicated to those navigating life as loved ones caring for those dealing with learning differences and medical needs or if you need help navigating these things yourself.

Dr. Shaw will be revealing her journey with a learning disability and Turner syndrome. At the same time, Andrea, the leader of our Full Potential Families group, will share her experiences of living with Type 1 Diabetes and her role as a special education teacher and advocate.

We envision this gathering as a seed for a support network where families can exchange insights and advice. Whether directly impacted or interested, we welcome you warmly to be part of this meaningful conversation. Contact shaw@washmorefeet.org if you need the Zoom link, as this meeting will be hybrid. In fact, Andrea will be virtual!