Welcome to Bethesda UMC

Sunday, April 14, 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 of Easter

Sunday, April 14, 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

"Cantabile" - Cesar Franck (1822-1890)

Tolling of the Church Bell

Welcome & Announcements

* Greeting

Leader: God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

People: Though the earth should change and the mountains shake into the sea, we will not fear, for God is with us.

Leader: The God of hosts is with us.

People: The Lord of heaven and earth is our refuge.

* Opening Song — Praise Band

"Morning Has Broken" - vv 1-4

* Sharing of the Peace & Song — UMH 666

"Shalom to You"

LISTENING

Children's Message

To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. - 1 Corinthians 12: 7

Hymn — TFWS 2128 vv. 1-3

"Come and Find the Quiet Center"

Prayers of the People

Anthem — Sanctuary Choir

"Be Still" - Karen Marrolli

Scripture Reading — Susan Dahiya

Psalm 46

Message — Rev. Dr. HiRho Park

Be Still: General Conference 2024

Song of Reflection — Praise Band

"Word of God Speak"

RESPONDING

Invitation to Offering & Offertory Music

"A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing" - arr. Manz
(Lasst Uns Erfreuen)

* Doxology — UMH 94

"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

* Offertory Prayer

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

"The Trumpet Shall Sound" - G.F. Handel

We are delighted to introduce our sermon series for April, inspired by the 2024 General Conference of the United Methodist Church theme, "… and Know that I am God," drawn from Psalm 46. Join us as we reflect on significant issues before the General Conference; we will explore what it means to find stillness amidst the denominational schism, to trust in God's sovereignty, and to draw strength from the assurance that the Lord is with us.

TODAY'S WORSHIP MINISTRY

Pastor: Rev. Dr. HiRho Park
Minister of Discipleship & Justice: Dr. Shaw Brewer
Worship Leader: John Euler
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: Kasia O'Neill Murray, Susan Dahiya

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 14

- 8:45 am PTR Class
- 9:00 am Sunday School
- 10:00 am Worship
- 10:15 am Kids With Purpose
- 11:15 am Listening Session: Empowering Voices
- 5:00 pm United Methodist Youth Fellowship
- 5:00 pm Racial Justice Witness

Please Donate

EXPLORING JESUS' TEACHINGS: A DEEP DIVE INTO THE DIFFICULT WORDS: Embark on a fascinating journey every Tuesday night 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 or in-person on Wednesdays at noon for this interactive study session, which includes author videos and lively discussions. Contact Shaw at shaw@washmorefeet.org for the Zoom link.

SUPPORT THE CONFIRMATION CLASS SERVICE PROJECT: The Confirmation Class is thrilled to extend an invitation to join us in our service project to support Interfaith Works! Our Wash More Feet Congregation has always been a beacon of hope and assistance, and now, more than ever, our collective efforts can make a profound impact. Interfaith Works tirelessly serves individuals and families in need in Montgomery County, offering vital resources and a supportive hand during challenging times. To aid in their noble mission, we are initiating a donation drive to gather essential items to benefit those relying on Interfaith Works' services.

Here's how you can contribute to this meaningful cause: Please donate the items below to the bins in the Narthex and the Lonnie's Lobby by May 4. The Confirmation Class will assemble these items on May 5.

Current Most-Needed Items at Interfaith Works:

- New Women's and Men's Underwear (Large and Plus size)
- New Women's and Men's Socks
- Adult Diapers (All sizes: S, M, L, XL)
- Baby Diapers (Sizes 5 and 6)
- Feminine Hygiene Products (All Sizes)
- Toilet Paper
- Full-size Toiletries (Including baby shampoo and other products)

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 today from 11:15 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. for an inspiring session of shared experiences and heartfelt conversations. Our very own Shaw Brewer 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.

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.