Welcome to Bethesda UMC

Sunday, May 12, 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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Seventh Sunday of Easter
Mothers Day/Graduate Sunday

Sunday, May 12, 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

"Aria" from Suite No. 3 in D major - BWV 1068
J.S. Bach (1685 - 1750)

Tolling of the Church Bell

Welcome & Announcements

* Greeting

Leader: Come, God gathers us for worship,
like a mother hen gathers her brood under her wings.

People: Our God, loving, nurturing.

Leader: In love God saves and supports us,
teaching us the way we should go.

People: Trusting in God, we continually offer our praise.

* Opening Hymn TFWS 2009 vv. 1-2

"O God Beyond All Praising"

Recognition of Graduates

HIGH SCHOOL	Graduating From:	Future Plans:
Navin Davoodi	Walt Whitman High School	University of Maryland
Darian Tamami	Winston Churchill High School	University of Maryland
Thomas Tanman	Bethesda-Chevy Chase High School	Colgate University
Seth Weaver	Bethesda-Chevy Chase High School	Franklin & Marshall College

COLLEGE	Graduating From:	Type of Degree:
Allison Welch	Pennsylvania State University	Bachelor of Science in Earth Sciences with a minor in Sustainability

GRADUATE SCHOOL	Graduating From:	Type of Degree:
Claire Gregory	University of Surrey	Doctor of Philosophy

Scholarship Award Dana Sippel

2024 Scholarship Awards

BUMC awarded four scholarships in May. Blessings to Seth Weaver, Rian Russell, Arnold Obara, and Trevor Hasibante.

* Sharing of the Peace & Song Church Folk

"Breathe"

LISTENING

Children's Message

Those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles; they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint. - Isaiah 40:31

Recognition of Mothers

Hymn — TFWS 2050 vv. 1-3

"Mothering God, You Gave Me Birth"

Prayers of the People

Anthem — Sanctuary Choir

"The Last Words of David"
- Randall Thompson

Scripture Reading

1 John 5:9-13

Message — Rev. Dr. HiRho Park

One Who Opens the Door to God

RESPONDING

Invitation to Offering — John Euler

Offertory Music — Church Folk

"Hold Us Together"

* Doxology — UMH 94

"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

* Offertory Prayer

SENDING

* Closing Hymn — UMH 98 vv. 1-3

"To God Be the Glory"

* Dismissal & Blessing

* Choral Benediction

* Carrying the Light of Christ Into the World

Closing Music

Intermezzo on "Nun Dankett Alle Gott"
- Saxton

TODAY'S WORSHIP MINISTRY

Today we are grateful for our "**Church Folk**" who are providing a portion of our music today. **Church Folk** is:
Diana Mears, Kelly Diamond, Don Ross, Carl Eichenwald, and John Euler

Pastor: Rev. Dr. HiRho Park
Minister of Discipleship & Justice: Dr. Shaw Brewer
Worship Leader: Rachelle Cummins
Director of Music: Chris Warrington
Sanctuary Choir Conductor: Max Nolin
Director, Bethesda Bells: Gail Williams
Tech: Steven Martin (livestream), Bob Gillette (slides), David Flumbaum (sound)
Coffee Hour: Dee Carden, Ray Hart

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, May 12: Mother's Day & Graduate Sunday

- 8:45 am PTR Class
- 9:00 am Sunday School
- 10:00 am Worship
- 10:15 am Kids With Purpose
- 11:15 am Manna Packers

Please Donate

MOTHER'S DAY AND GRADUATION: Today, we celebrate the spirit of Mother's Day, expressing our love and appreciation for the integral role of nurturing women in our lives. We will also honor those in our congregation celebrating milestones in their educational journey.

OUR CHURCH AWARDED FOUR SCHOLARSHIPS in May. We ask for God's richest blessings on Seth Weaver, Rian Russell, Arnold Obara, and Trevor Hasibante, as they begin or continue on their educational journey. Congratulations!

KIDS WITH PURPOSE FUNDRAISER TODAY: Kids With Purpose will learn from one of BUMC's confirmands about God's love for all creation and our role in helping protect animals and the environment. In the Narthex after church, they will share animal bookmarks they have made and vegan candies to help raise money for the US Humane Society. Cash or Venmo donations are welcomed. Thank you for supporting service opportunities for BUMC's children.

SPECIAL EVENT: MAY 19, 3:00 P.M., SANCTUARY: "YOU CAN'T PLAY THAT IN CHURCH!" "Flashdance/What A Feeling," "Danny Boy," "Rolling In the Deep," music from the "Pirates of the Caribbean" film series, and some Beatles songs…yes, these are, at the very least, examples of music you may not expect to hear in church. But if you come to the BUMC Sanctuary on Sunday, May 19 at 3:00 p.m., you will indeed hear these selections at what we're calling a "May Musical Mosaic." Join Capital Carillon, Bethesda Bells, the Sanctuary Choir, and some of the Praise Band instrumentalists for a truly fun event featuring the aforementioned selections, some greatest hits (pieces we've played throughout this year), and a few other surprises. It promises to be a fun and memorable afternoon. A free-will offering will be taken.

TEACHER APPRECIATION SUNDAY: We have many talented teachers for adult and children's Sunday School, Kids With Purpose, and Confirmation. We will honor these dedicated volunteers during the service on Sunday, May 19. Children and youth, along with their teachers, should meet for games at 9:00 a.m. in Greenwich Park (across from the church parking lot), including the popular "teacher trivia." In case of rain, we will meet in Fellowship Hall.

EVERY SUMMER, KIDS WITH PURPOSE studies different countries and fundraises for Heifer International. We are looking for volunteers to teach the kids about the country of your choice. It could involve games, crafts, pictures, music, or stories. The lessons would be approximately 20-30 minutes long and would be during the pastor's sermon in classroom 104 (the KWP room). For questions, email Emily Cevallos at emilyacevallos@gmail.com or call 276-340-6503.

For the summer, Kids With Purpose welcomes students from kindergarten to 5th grade. Fundraisers will be held after the service on July 21 and August 25 in the Narthex. You can learn more about the Heifer International program at https://www.heifer.org.

SUMMER CHOIRS – The last day of choir before the summer is May 19. There will be four opportunities to sing with the summer choir this summer; June 2, July 7, July 28, and August 18. Rehearsal is at 9:00 a.m. on those dates in the Sanctuary. The music is light, fun, meaningful, and accessible – that is to say just about anyone can sing it. There's safety in numbers, so come out and sing on those dates…who knows? You may enjoy it enough to become a regular part of the choir in the fall!