Welcome to Bethesda UMC

Sunday, June 30, 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!

We Are a "Wash More Feet" Congregation

Growing together to love
and serve Christ, our neighbor,
our world.

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Sixth Sunday After Pentecost
Gun Violence Prevention/Mental Health Sunday
Sunday, June 30, 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

Pre-Service Music & Bringing the Light of Christ

"Prelude In a Classic Style" - Young

Tolling of the Church Bell

Welcome & Announcements

* Greeting

Leader: As followers of Christ, we are called to bring
a hopeful understanding of our world
declaring that God called the created universe "good."

People: We are called to bring this hope in God
with us wherever we go
declaring that God makes all things new again.
Jesus taught that we should love God and love one another.
So let's join together in our love of God
to worship and give thanks.

* Opening Hymn TFWS 2216

"When We Are Called to Sing Your Praise"

* Litany

Leader: Come let us go to the mountain of the Lord,
that we may walk the path of the Most High.

People: That we may beat our swords into plowshares,
and our spears into pruning hooks.

Leader: Nation shall not lift up sword against nation.
Neither shall they learn war any more.

People: And none shall be afraid for the
mouth of the Lord of Hosts has spoken.

Leader: We gather today in remembrance of all those killed by gun violence.

People: We mourn the loss of each death that comes at the hand of a gun.

Leader: We are a nation at war with ourselves,
a people who have forgotten who we are.

People: We gather today to remember that we are each a child of God. We gather to claim our belonging to each other and our commitment to living the way of God's peace.

Leader: Come let us go to the mountain of the Lord,
that we may walk the path of the Most High.

People: That we may beat our swords into plowshares,
and our spears into pruning hooks.

Leader: Neighbor shall not lift up gun against neighbor.
Neither shall they learn violence any more.

All: And none shall be afraid, for the mouth of the Lord of Hosts has spoken.

* Sharing of the Peace

"Dona Nobis Pacem"

LISTENING

Childrens Message

Hymn — TFWS 2218

"You Are Mine"

Prayers of the People — Susan Bender

Scripture Reading — Janet Edmonds

2 Corinthians 4:15-5:9

Message — Rev. Dr. HiRho Park

Embracing Hope and Healing

Reflective Moment — UMH 521 v. 1

"I Want Jesus to Walk with Me"

RESPONDING

Invitation to Offering & Offertory Music

"His Eye Is on the Sparrow" - Hayes
You are invited to follow the lyrics of this hymn in TFWS 2146

* Doxology — UMH 94

"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

* Offertory Prayer

SENDING

* Closing Hymn — UMH 519

"Lift Every Voice and Sing"

* Dismissal & Blessing

Carrying the Light of Christ Into the World

Closing Music

"Toccata Jubiloso" - Peterson

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: Susan Bender, Mike Moran

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.

This Week:

Sunday, June 30
- 9:50 am Pre-service Music
- 10:00 am Worship (in-person/online)
- 10:15 am Kids With Purpose
- 11:15 am Listening Session: Gun Violence & Mental Health

Monday, July 1
- 8:30 am Mission Monday Food Collections

Thursday, July 4 - Office Closed

Saturday, July 6 - Fasting Prayer

Sunday, July 7
- 9:00 am Summer Choir Rehearsal
- 9:50 am Pre-service Music
- 10:00 am Worship
- 10:15 am Kids With Purpose

Please Donate

SECURITY FEEDBACK -We are committed to ensuring that our church remains a safe and welcoming place for everyone. To further enhance our security measures, we would love to hear your thoughts on the new security system. Your feedback will be instrumental in helping us maintain a secure environment for all our activities and services.

Please consider the following questions when providing your feedback:

1. Do you feel more secure in the building with the new security system?
2. Has the new security system caused any issues that you feel need to be addressed?
3. What other measures could be taken to improve the building's security and occupancy?

Please email Riley Williams, Trustees Chair, with your feedback at rileywill54@verizon.net.

KIDS WITH PURPOSE: Summer is here, and we invite you to sign up to teach our kids about your home country or heritage. As a diverse church, we believe it's important to share our rich cultures with our children. Please help us by volunteering for a Sunday - scan the QR code to sign up!

HYMN SINGS THIS SUMMER: During the pandemic, we gathered online to sing some favorite hymns along with some less-familiar/rarely used selections in our hymnals. When we were able to get back together in the Sanctuary, the fun factor increased significantly...yes, we couldn't believe it either, so you'll just have to come out and see for yourself! The dates this year are Monday, July 8 at 7:00 p.m., and Monday, August 12 at 7:00 p.m. Questions? See Chris Warrington or Max Nolin anytime!

LISTENING SESSION ON MENTAL HEALTH/GUN VIOLENCE TODAY: The session will be led by Aaron Fenster, who serves as the Chief Operating Officer (COO) of Housing Unlimited, located in Montgomery County, MD. Housing Unlimited is dedicated to providing affordable housing solutions for individuals with psychiatric disabilities. His efforts contribute significantly to the organization's success in creating stable, supportive housing environments that enable individuals to live independently and thrive.

We encourage your participation in the Fellowship Hall after the service at 11:15 a.m.

OUR NEXT MISSION MONDAY IS TOMORROW: We will collect meat and cheese sandwiches and baggies of trail mix in the Huntington Parkway Lot from 8:30 until 10:00 a.m. We will take these to Martha's Table in the District, and McKenna's Wagon will distribute them that evening. If you are unable to bring your contributions on Monday, you can leave them in the refrigerator in the Church kitchen on Sunday morning. The children at Vacation Bible School made Trail mix for their snack this past Thursday. They also made baggies of trail mix for McKenna's Wagon. We want to give them a big thank you for their contribution of 392 baggies of Trail mix!

We will also collect non-perishable items for the Little Free Pantry at BUMC! Please bring canned goods of all kinds and other items for us to share with the hungry in our community. Items for the Little Free Pantry can be brought any time the Church is open, and left in the Narthex until they are needed. Thank you for sharing with the hungry this summer!