Welcome to Bethesda UMC

Sunday, June 23, 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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Fifth Sunday After Pentecost
Vacation Bible School Celebration

Sunday, June 23, 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 on 'Azmon'"

"Menuet Gothique" from Suite Gothique, Op. 25

- Léon Boëllmann (1862-1897)

Tolling of the Church Bell

Welcome & Announcements

* Greeting

Leader: In the midst of life's storms, God is there.

People: What have we to fear?

Leader: In the darkness and terror, God is with us.

People: Of whom shall we be afraid?

Leader: Rise up, people of God, for you are loved and saved.

People: Thanks be to God who cares deeply for us. Amen.

* Opening Hymn UMH 57 vv. 1-5

"O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing"

* Sharing of the Peace & Song UMH 431

"Let There Be Peace on Earth"

LISTENING

Children's Message Barbara Bickford

Prayers of the People

Scripture Reading Jack Fisher

Mark 4:35-41

Message Dr. Shaw Brewer

Summer Storms

Reflective Hymn UMH 377, v. 1

"It Is Well with My Soul"

RESPONDING

Invitation to Offering Lisa Nevans Locke

Offertory Music

"Prière à Notre-Dame" from Suite Gothique, Op. 25
- Léon Boëllmann (1862-1897)

* Doxology UMH 95

"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

* Offertory Prayer

SENDING

* Closing Hymn UMH 512

"Stand By Me"

* Dismissal & Blessing
* Carrying the Light of Christ Into the World

Closing Music

"Toccata" - from Suite Gothique, Op. 25
- Léon Boëllmann (1862-1897)

TODAY'S WORSHIP MINISTRY

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: Carl Eichenwald (livestream), Holly Pannullo (slides), David Flumbaum (sound)
Coffee Hour: Rachelle Cummins, Cynthia Whitman

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 23

- 9:50 am Pre-service Music
- 10:00 am Worship
- 10:15 am Kids With Purpose
- 5:00 pm Racial Justice Witness

Monday, June 24: July Messenger Deadline

Wednesday, June 26

- 6:30 pm Women's Potluck Dinner at Shaw Brewer's

Sunday, June 30

- 9:50 am Pre-service Music
- 10:00 am Worship
- 10:15 am Kids With Purpose
- 11:15 am Listening Session: Mental Health & Gun Violence

Please Donate

KEEP HELPING KIDS LONG AFTER VBS! Project Transformation has 42 kids coming this year and they need our help more than ever! There are three ways you can help:

- **Give supplies:** Forty-two kids mean more supplies, snacks, and recreation equipment. You can help us by donating items off of our wishlist. Items purchased from the wishlist ship directly to our staff!
- **Volunteer:** Forty-two kids need a volunteer to read with them! If you have a Monday morning free, we would love to have you spend a little time listening to a child read, help sound out words, and just spend a little time getting to know some of our amazing kids!
- **Feed the interns:** Forty-two kids mean hungry and tired interns! You can help out by providing a homemade or store-bought dinner to our interns to refuel to be their best. We love when folks stay and have dinner as well.

Questions? Contact Shaw Brewer at shaw@washmorefeet.org.

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 very 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!

MESSENGER DEADLINE IS MONDAY: Don't miss the deadline for "The Messenger," our church's monthly newsletter! Get your articles, updates, and announcements in by Monday, June 24, at 5:00 p.m. This is your chance to showcase upcoming events or share the impactful work your ministry area is doing. Send your articles to communications@washmorefeet.org with "Messenger" in the subject line.

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 ON JUNE 30: BUMC's mission on Gun Violence Prevention, led by Susan Bender, is a nationally regarded ministry that we take seriously. This year, we will focus on gun violence related to mental health. In 2024, there have been 81 gun-related suicides in Maryland so far. This data highlights the ongoing challenge of addressing mental health and preventing firearm suicides within the state.

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.