Welcome to Bethesda UMC

Sunday, July 28, 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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Tenth Sunday After Pentecost

Sunday, July 28, 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

"Largo" - G.F. Handel

Tolling of the Church Bell

Welcome & Announcements

* Greeting

Leader: You are a seed of the Word, O people:
Bring forth the Kingdom of God!
People: We will bring forth the Kingdom of mercy,
and bring forth the Kingdom of peace;
Leader: Also bring forth Seeds of love and seeds of justice,
People: Bring forth the Kingdom of justice,
Bring forth the City of God!

* Opening Hymn UMH 89

"Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee"

Psalter

Psalm 42:1-6 with sung response

* Sharing of the Peace & Song UMH 120, vv.1

"Your Love, O God"

LISTENING

Children's Message

Hymn UMH 700

"Abide With Me"

Prayers of the People

Scripture Sue O'Hara

Revelation 21:22-26

Message — Rev. Dr. HiRho Park

The Awakened Traveler: The Reflection

Reflective Moment — UMH 723, v.4

"Shall We Gather At the River"

RESPONDING

Invitation to Offering

Offertory Music — Benjamin Packer, piano

Nocturne op. 9 No.2 - Chopin

* Doxology — UMH 94

"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

* Offertory Prayer

SENDING

* Closing Song — UMH 707

"Hymn of Promise"

* Dismissal & Blessing

* Carrying the Light of Christ Into the World

Closing Music

"Psalm 19" - Marcello

We welcome Benjamin Packer who will be playing during the offertory today. Benjamin accompanies the NIH Orchestra and has been practicing in our building since last fall.

TODAY'S WORSHIP MINISTRY

Pastor: Rev. Dr. HiRho Park
Minister of Discipleship & Justice: Dr. Shaw Brewer
Worship Leader: Rachelle Cummins
Director of Children's Ministries: Dennis Williams
Communications: Rev. Steven D. Martin
Minister of Youth & Young Adult Ministries: Pastor Julio Da Silva
Director of Music: Chris Warrington
Sanctuary Choir Conductor: Max Nolin
Director, Bethesda Bells: Gail Williams
Tech: Steven Martin (livestream), Holly Pannullo (slides), David Flumbaum (sound)
Coffee Hour: Don & Patty Ross, Sue Owen & Lance Leverenz

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, July 28
- 9:50 am Pre-service Music
- 10:00 am Worship (in-person/online)
- 10:15 am Kids With Purpose
- 11:15 am Manna Packing
- 2:00 pm Lehmann Visitation
- 5:00 pm Racial Justice Witness

Monday, July 29
- 1:00 pm Lehmann funeral (at BUMC)

Saturday, August 3
- Fasting Prayer

Sunday, August 4
- 9:00 am Summer Choir Rehearsal
- 9:50 am Pre-service Music
- 10:00 am Worship
- 10:15 am Kids With Purpose

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THE AWAKENED TRAVELER: REFLECTION - REVELATION 21:22-26: As we explore Revelation 21, we envision the ultimate destination of our journey—the New Jerusalem. This passage offers a glimpse of the eternal city where God's glory illuminates everything. It's a powerful reminder that our earthly travels are but a prelude to the eternal journey with our Creator.

BARBARA LOWIS LEHMANN FUNERAL: Family will receive friends at Pumphrey's Colonial Funeral Home, 300 W. Montgomery Ave, Rockville, MD, today from 2:00-4:00 p.m. A funeral service will be held on July 29 at 1:00 p.m. at Bethesda United Methodist Church in Barbara's honor. We invite all who knew Barbara to join us in celebrating her life. Following the service, there will be a fellowship in the narthex for family and friends to share stories and memories. Your presence will mean a great deal to the family during this difficult time.

SUMMER CHOIRS: There are two remaining opportunities to sing with the summer pickup choir on August 4 and August 18. Rehearsals are 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. Join us!

BUMC CLASSIFIEDS: We are excited to announce the launch of our new classified ad section in the Weekend Update! This space is dedicated to you – a place where you can share what you want to offer, seek services, or sell items. Whether you're offering tutoring, looking to buy or sell gently used goods, or seeking a handyman, our Classifieds Section is the perfect place to connect with your friends. Send your request to communications@washmorefeet.org by Wednesday each week.

HANDBELLS 101 - YOU'RE INVITED! Are you looking for a way to connect with your faith and community? Gail Williams, BUMC's director of handbells, will lead sessions on August 4 and August 18 where you can explore the beautiful art of handbell ringing. All rising 6th graders through adults are welcome. You'll have fun learning some basics of handbell ringing, some basic music reading skills, and more. No prior musical experience is necessary, although it can be helpful.

LEND A HELPING HAND WITH OUR ANNUAL BACKPACK BLESSINGS DRIVE: All children deserve to be equipped for success as they head back to school. Regrettably, many youngsters in our very own Montgomery County don't have access to essential supplies. In our ongoing commitment to lend a helping hand, we're partnering with Interfaith Works for our annual Backpack Blessings Drive. We kindly request your participation by donating backpacks or school supplies at the Narthex on or before Sunday, August 11. Questions? Please email shaw@washmorefeet.org.

STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN 2025: ReNEW - MIND, BODY, AND SPIRIT: Our Stewardship Campaign for 2025 is centered around the theme of ReNEW: Mind, Body, and Spirit. This campaign encourages us to seek wholeness by focusing on various aspects of our well-being, including physical, emotional, mental, relational, and spiritual renewal. Through this holistic approach, we are invited to embark on a mission of renewal that encompasses every facet of our lives. Let us accept the challenge to renew ourselves and embark on a mission that glorifies God and brings God's love to the world.

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