THE MESSENGER

AUGUST 2021

"Onward Together"

As a community living into present and future transitions, we are called press onward together. Not alone, or in our preferred groups of association, but together as the community called Bethesda UMC, and as part of the body of Christ here in this world.

A few weeks ago, I got the urge to watch the Disney Movie *Onward* again. If you haven't seen it yet, I commend this movie to you all, as a powerful tale about growing, family, realizing one's potential and living life to its fullest—in addition to being a story about coming of age, magic, wizards, and epic quests. If you're anything like me, it will make you laugh, it will make you cry, and it will make you think. The movie reminds me of the many challenges that we all face in our lives, both daily and seasonally, and of the journey we are all on to thrive.

As both the movie *Onward*, and our Methodist faith point out to us, the world and Christianity have long sought easier ways of doing things (or at least ways that seem easier at the time). We have avoided the many challenges that are before us, in favor of traveling roads that seem to get us to the same endpoint without having to work as hard. And I worry that in doing so, we have lot a bit of ourselves along the way. We've lost a bit of who we are as children of God and as Methodists, who believe in this method of our faith, which we talked about in particular during the fall of 2020 and Lent of this past year.

I am acutely aware that the past 16 months have been unlike any time that anyone alive has every known. Responding to the divisions of our present political climate and our denomination (nationally and globally), the grueling pandemic of COVID-19, the persistent pandemic of racism, and all the ways that those have affected our families, our work, our social lives, and so much of who we are—it has been exhausting. For many of us it still is, as we are still trying faithfully to do what is right and best for ourselves and others. Those are realities we must accept and acknowledge.

And yet, in the last 16 months, the places when we as a community have been at our best have been in the times when we have come together, aware of the different spaces that we hold, and yet still seeking to fiercely love one another. Having had the privilege of journeying with you all in those spaces and moments has shaped, and continues to shape, who I am as a person and a pastor because in the midst of this, we continue to witness and experience God's Spirit at work. That Spirit is the same Spirit that has been at work in the lives of the people of God throughout our Bible, and particularly, for us as the church, in the stories of Acts and the Epistles.

There is a scene in *Onward* (no spoilers, don't worry) where the mother of the main characters says to herself, "I AM a mighty warrior" as she acts to help her sons who are in danger. She realizes in that moment the strengths and power that lie within her and chooses, with courage, to use them. As people of faith, we all have been blessed with abilities, knowledge, and skills that are gifts from God. Yet, no one of us has all the gifts that we as a family or community need in order to thrive. The only way for us to truly thrive, as God intended us to, is the use our gifts together with the gifts and passions of others.

For our community and world to thrive as God intended it to, and as we all desire it to, we too are called to use our gifts, our passions, and all our courage together with one another and, most importantly, God's Spirit. Only then can we thrive in becoming the community and the world that we all need. Only together can we accomplish and become who God wants all of us to be, for in community we grow as individuals and as a group to become people who are greater than we expect and greater than the sum of our parts. With *Rev. HiRho* our new Lead Pastor, *Karen Fratantoni*, our Lay Leader, and all of us together, I delight in who we may become, in who we will become. Onward, beloved. Onward together!

Rev. Scott

CHURCH WORKS

Above & Beyond

A huge thank you to BUMC Trustees, *Jamie Hays* and *Scott Reeves*, who recently went above and beyond (literally) to fix a large hole in our steeple and save our congregation an estimated $38,000 in repair costs. Jamie was our brave steeple climber and Scott took charge of ropes and safety. We truly appreciate their dedication and service to the church.

Media-Tech Team

We are looking for BUMCers who can help lead our church to the next level with our media and technology ministry. This new team, led by *Max Nolin*, will help broadcast worship services and make recommendations on advancing the use of technology in worship and meetings. It may seem complicated from the outside, but if you know how to take a video on your iPhone you already have all the skills you need to begin working on this team! If you are interested, please get in touch with Mike Moran by **August 10th**.

BUMC Work Days: Roll Up Your Sleeves and Lend a Hand!

Fall is coming and we are so excited! Finally, after 17 months without any in-person Sunday School, we are preparing to restart our regular programs this September. As you can imagine, a great many things have happened in the last year and a half that affect our building. This includes the closing of Wesley Nursery School, flooding of the lower level, and accumulation of lots of "stuff."

In order to prepare for the upcoming year, we are planning a "*Work Weekend*" on **Friday and Saturday, August 20th & 21st, 9:00 am - 3:00 pm**, to do a thorough cleanup of all the program spaces throughout the church building, including disposal of old or outdated materials, equipment and furniture. We invite any and all persons who have some time to donate to join us in this effort as "many hands make light work" and there is a fair amount of work to be done. This is also a time when Sunday School teachers can make their spaces ready for the fall, including decorating bulletin boards and arranging furniture and equipment to best suit their needs. We're going to make this a fun and exciting time with refreshments and music and it's a great opportunity for the whole family to lend a hand. Please let us know if you can help out for some or all of the time by contacting the church office or Riley Williams.

Welcoming Rev. HiRho

Thank you to everyone who helped us welcome our new lead pastor,
Rev. Dr. HiRho Park, on her first Sunday at BUMC!

Thank You so much for your generous gift! I am humbled and grateful for the gift basket you prepared for me as an expression of welcome. My heart was smiling at your love and support. Your thoughtfulness is a gift I will always treasure. Would you please continue to pray for me as I will pray for you?

With much appreciation,
Rev. HiRho

BUMC UPDATES

Our Staff Is Growing!

The Staff-Parish Relations Committee is delighted to announce that **Kara Peace** will be joining the church staff on August 8th as our new **Director of Student Ministries**. As such, she will be working with our middle and high school students and keeping in touch with our young people who have gone on to college.

Kara, a Maryland native, earned an Associate's degree at Carroll Community College, and then took a "gap year" to serve as a missionary in Ecuador, India, and Zambia. Through this experience, she felt drawn to working with youth and enrolled at Lancaster Bible College in Lancaster, PA, where she recently graduated with a double major in Youth and Young Adult Ministry, and Biblical Studies. Before and during her studies, she interned at several churches and Christian youth outreach centers where she gained experience in diverse settings including camp, retreats, church, nonprofit, and college youth ministries. Her experience has included hands-on work with youth in middle and high school, as well as young adults, plus administrative and planning responsibilities for those ministries. She describes herself as detail-oriented and says her key skills are leadership, lesson planning and teaching, relationship building, and written and verbal communication. Kara and her husband, Josiah, were just married in June and will be living in Silver Spring. Welcome, Kara!

Summer Worship

This last month of our summer worship schedule will continue to include both in-person and online worship. Join us at **10:00 am** as we dive into *The Lord's Prayer* each Sunday in worship. On August 1st, we will also be celebrating Communion in worship. You can access online worship at washmorefeet.org/livestream. Be sure to subscribe to our YouTube channel (*BethesdaUMCMD*) and "Like" our online worship! It is one way to support and affirm the ministry of Bethesda UMC. When you like our worship service, it will affect search ratings, and thus more people will be able to learn about our church. It is an evangelism tool!

Re-Entry News

What a blessing it has been to welcome so many of you back to 8300 Old Georgetown Road this past month! As we gradually re-emerge from the pandemic, we welcome each one of you who wishes to return to our building for worship, meetings, or other activities, and we also remain committed to providing online options for those who are not ready to join us in-person.

The BUMC staff and Re-Entry Team have developed an incremental approach for getting us reintegrated into in-person worship and community. Last month, we took several significant steps by removing the need to RSVP for in-person worship and allowing singing. Step three of re-entry begins on **Sunday, August 8th** and includes the following guidelines:

- Fully vaccinated worship leaders in the chancel area may sing unmasked without physical distancing requirements.
- Outdoor worship services may include unmasked singing by the congregants.
- Coffee hour/fellowship gatherings may be held indoors in the Fellowship Hall with participants maintaining physical distancing while eating.

We remain hopeful that we can return to our full array of church activities in September, but will be closely monitoring CDC and local health department recommendations. We will continue to provide virtual and outdoor worship services, and other meetings and gatherings will be offered both in-person and online whenever possible.

The full outline of steps in Stage 3 can be found on our website at washmorefeet.org/reentry.

SERVE

Please join Outreach, Advocacy & Action (OAA) as we seek ways to support our community. If you are looking for ways to contribute, we encourage you to join one of our meetings or contact chairs, Shannon Snypp and Susan Bender. Our kick-off meeting is **Thursday, September 2nd at 7:30 pm** on Zoom - all are welcome!

BUMC Acts Fund: Round 2

We are excited to announce that the BUMC Acts Fund will continue throughout this 2021-2022 year! We will announce our next recipients on **Sunday, September 18th**, so please have your proposal for service or outreach efforts to OAA by **September 10th**. We plan to provide grants to several applicants and help make these proposals a reality. OAA is welcoming proposals that encourage service or support to initiatives covered by our ministries: *Racial Justice, Foster Care, Food Security, and Gun Violence Prevention*. Your proposal should include what you would like to see happen with a grant and how this project will help you serve God in the community; why you have felt led to this project; and the amount that you are seeking. For questions or to submit a proposal, please contact Shannon Snypp or Susan Bender.

Hunger & Feeding Ministries

By the end of this year, more than 50 million people could experience food insecurity, according to *Feeding America*. That's one in six Americans and one in four children—nearly a 50 percent increase from 2019. The pandemic has laid bare how many people are one paycheck or medical bill away from hunger.

To help combat this issue on a local level, BUMC is continuing our **Mission Monday** collections on the first Monday of every month. You are invited to stop by the Huntington Pkwy lot on **Monday, August 2nd, 8:30-10:00 am**, to drop off individually wrapped sandwiches and baggies of trail mix for *McKenna's Wagon* and non-perishable food for *Bethesda Help*. Sandwiches and trail mix should be packed in plastic or paper bags and labeled with the contents. For a list of Bethesda Help's most needed items, click here. Finally, you may have noticed that **A Little Food Pantry** has been installed near the church offices on Huntington Pkwy. This pantry provides items that anyone can take as needed. Feel free to contribute non-perishable food anytime.

Racial Justice Witness

Sundays, 5:00-6:00 pm: Join us as we stand along Old Georgetown Rd to lift up all people of color and marginalized communities in our nation.

Gun Violence Prevention

A 6-year old girl was shot and killed in a drive-by shooting July 16 in Washington, D.C. while walking with her parents. A fan waiting for an Uber was injured by gunfire outside a Nationals baseball game the following evening. Many live with gun violence in their neighborhoods everyday. This is not the beloved community God envisions for us. How can we, as Christians, help stem the violence from guns in our community?

1. Consider emailing comments to support the new rule proposal by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms that would regulate **ghost guns** as a "firearm" requiring a serial number for tracing, and a background check to purchase. This would help get illegal, unregistered guns off our streets. A sentence or two saying you support the proposed change and that it's important to you to stem gun violence because of your faith is all you need to say (comments due 8/12). You can learn more about ghost guns here:

2. Learn about the **Break the Cycle of Violence** bill pending in Congress. (S. 2275 / H.R. 4118) . This bill would provide important funding to use evidence-proven methods of trained violence interrupters to work with and counsel young people in the areas most affected by gun violence - to choose other paths than violence.

3. **Pray** for the victims of gun violence and their families and that the perpetrators will learn other ways to resolve disputes than violence and retaliation. Join our BUMC gun violence prevention ministry (our next meeting is **August 16th, 7:30 pm** (email Susan Bender).

Foster Care

BUMC's Foster Care Ministry is hosting a meeting for anyone interested in learning more about our work on **Thursday, August 19th, 7:30 pm** on Zoom. Please join us to learn about how you can participate and make a difference. We are also continuing to collect gift cards to support youth who are transitioning out of the Foster Care System. If you would like to help, please consider purchasing Giant gift cards, Target gift cards, or gas cards. Contact *Shannon Snypp* for more info.

CONNECT

Young Adult Brunch

Greetings BUMC young adults. We hope you all are having a great summer. This month, we're planning to gather for in- person brunch, outdoors after worship on **Sunday, August 15th**. We hope you'll make plans to join us. To RSVP, please contact Rev. Scott. We are so excited to re-connect with you all after a long year and hope that you'll join us. Stay tuned later this month for more information about our plans for the fall, as we seek to re-connect with one another and re-connect in faith.

Women's Potluck Dinner

Women of all ages are invited to be part of our next potluck dinner on **Wednesday, August 25th at 6:30 pm**. We'll be gathering at *Gail Williams* home for this time of fellowship and feasting. Bring a dish to share and RSVP to Susie Sabatano.

All Church Nats Game

BUMC is headed to the ballpark! Join us on **Tuesday, August 31st at 7:00 pm** at Nats Park as the Nationals take on the Phillies. Our seats are in Section 237-243 and cost $21 each. RSVP to Susie Sabatano to reserve your tickets! Please make checks payable to "John Euler" and mail to Susie Sabatano, 9207 Villa Drive, Bethesda, MD 20817. All are welcome!

Men's Group

Our Men's Group is gathering for breakfast on **Wednesday, August 4th, 7:00 am** (*note time change*) at the *Old Georgetown Grille* (7755 Old Georgetown Road, Bethesda). We'll have a special guest this month as *Rev. HiRho* will be joining us! We hope you can come and enjoy some breakfast with us while we get to know her a little better and also share our hopes and dreams for the Men's Ministry at BUMC.

GROW

Sermon Reflection Group

Throughout the month of August in worship, we'll be exploring *The Lord's Prayer*, a prayer so familiar to us as Christians that we sometimes take the words for granted. If you'd like to dig into this exploration of the Lord's Prayer a little deeper, you're invited to meet after worship (either in-person or on Zoom) with *Rev. Scott* and/or *Rev. HiRho* to reflect on the day's scripture and message. We will gather at **11:30 am** in Fellowship Hall and finish by 12:15 pm. Contact the church office with questions or for the Zoom info.

Prayer Ministry

There are two opportunities during the week to join with others from our church in prayer. You're invited to stop by the church on **Wednesdays at noon** (starting August 4th) and be part of the BUMC Prayer Group in the Sanctuary. Each week, *Rev. HiRho* and/or *Rev. Scott* will lead a time of prayer. Then, on **Thursdays at noon**, you are invited to be part of an online prayer time with *Shaw Brewer* and others from our congregation. Email Shaw for the Zoom link.

Sunday School Update

BUMC is excited to resume our Sunday School programs for all ages, both in person and online, this fall. While we are still evaluating what that will look like for each age group, we anticipate a return to in-person Sunday School, while also having options for those who prefer or need to join us online. Our staff and lay leaders will be working hard in the next month to finalize our plans, so please stay tuned for more info. While the shape and format of things has changed much over the last several months, our commitment to encouraging one another to grow as disciples of Jesus Christ has not. If you have any suggestions or hopes for this fall, please let us know so that we may consider these as we plan.

Mid-Week Bible Study

What do you know about the baptismal covenant laid out in Galatians 3:28? Do you wonder how it relates to Paul's view of inclusion? Are you curious about how this relates to your own baptism? You are invited to join us on Thursdays beginning **September 23rd** for a bible study about sacramental theology and racial inclusion. Email Shaw Brewer to sign up or for additional details.

GROW: Children

Outdoor Family Service

Bring the whole family and join *Rev. HiRho* and *Rev. Scott,* along with *Max* on guitar, on **Sunday, August 8th, 9:00 - 9:30 am,** for our outdoor Family Service. Bring blankets, chairs, water bottles and whatever else you need to make yourself comfortable. We will have music, singing, scripture, prayers and a message for all ages. Masks will be optional.

Kids with Purpose

All rising 1st - 3rd graders are invited to join us for *Kids with Purpose* during our worship service on three Sundays this month: **Sunday, August 8th, 22nd**, and **29th**. If younger children want to participate as well, they are welcome to join with a parent. This way we can be sure to maintain social distancing while the children work on their projects. We'll gather in the Fellowship Hall after the Children's Message and return to the Sanctuary during the final hymn. Our August theme is *"Thanking God for Nature."* Email Beth@washmorefeet.org if you have any questions.

Backpack Blessings

Children, bring your backpack to worship on **Sunday, August 29th** for a special blessing before you head back to school. We'll pray for our teachers, students of all ages, and their parents, and children will receive a special tag to attach to their backpack to remind them that God's love is with them always. We will also have a drive through event that day from **noon - 1:00 pm** for families who aren't attending in-person worship yet to pick up their backpack tags.

Mark Your Calendar

Kick-Off Sunday
Sunday, September 12th

Join us for the start of a new year
of learning, friendships and fun!
We can't wait to see you…stay tuned
for all the details

Family Splash Bash!

The Children's Ministry Committee invites families of elementary-aged children, toddlers, and babies to join us on **Friday, August 20th, 6:00-8:00 pm,** at *South Germantown Splash Park* for a splashing good time! We are renting out the Splash Park as a private event so families can enjoy it free of crowds. Cool off with the water fountain maze, water buckets, spraying jets, small water slide, and bounce area. Connect or reconnect with BUMC before the new church program year kicks off in September! Feel free to bring a picnic dinner or snacks.

As an outdoor activity, masks currently are not required, consistent with BUMC's re-entry planning and Montgomery County Parks guidance. Admission is $5 per person, including supervising adults (we kindly ask that you bring cash). This event is weather dependent. Please RSVP to Beth Reilly or Dennis Williams.

Safe Sanctuaries Training

Safe Sanctuaries training is required annually for all volunteers who are working with children or youth (in-person or online). If you haven't had a chance to complete your training yet this year, there are two upcoming opportunities.

Sunday, August 29th at 11:15 am
In-Person in Fellowship Hall or Online OR

Wednesday, September 1st at 7:30 pm
Online

Thanks to everyone who has already completed their training and submitted their paperwork for 2021-2022! Email Beth Reilly (Beth@washmorefeet.org) with any questions or for additional information.

Our Nursery Is Moving!

We are excited to announce that our nursery for infants and toddlers is moving to a bigger, brighter space right next to the Sanctuary (across from the library). Stay tuned for more info about when the nursery will open in the September *Messenger*.

GROW: Youth

Happy August Everyone! This month is a very exciting month for the youth (and college students) of Bethesda UMC, as we welcome our new Director of Student Ministries, *Kara Peace*, who will oversee our Youth Ministries program and our ministry with College Students on August 8th (see page 3 for more information about Kara).

As the summer winds down, we are excited to gather together, as we get to know Kara and Kara gets to know us. We hope you'll join us on **Sunday, August 8th, at 5:30 pm** for a time of fellowship and games with *Rev. Scott* and *Kara*. We'll start with dinner and then spend some time playing some games. Stay tuned for more details on this and other gatherings before the start of the new school year.

We also wanted to let you know that the 2021-22 year is a Confirmation year. We are looking forward to joining with youth in 6th-8th grade (unless you've already done Confirmation) as together we work to deepen and re-affirm our faith as Christians and United Methodists. Make plans to join *Rev. Scott, Kara, Beth Reilly, Pat Kirwan,* and *Shelley Yeutter* for a great year.

Lastly, thanks to everyone who was a part of our *Faith in Action* trips this year, especially our adult leaders: *Megan Baldwin, Barbara Bickford, Gunnar Gunnarsson, and Karen & Pat Kirwan*. Thanks also to *Dave & Stacy Welch*, who drove our FIA Wilmington equipment truck and everyone, including the outstanding musicians and singers of Common Ground, who led us on Youth Sunday on July 18th. Be sure to check out pages 8 & 9 for pictures from our trips and excerpts from Michael Reilly's and Cameron King's reflections in worship. Great job!

It has already been a great summer and we look forward to everything that lies ahead. We hope you all have a great month and we hope to see you soon.

Rev. Scott, Kara Peace, and the Youth Ministry Committee (Callie, Caroline, Holly, J.D., Lucy, Alex, Cougar, Gunnar & Dave).

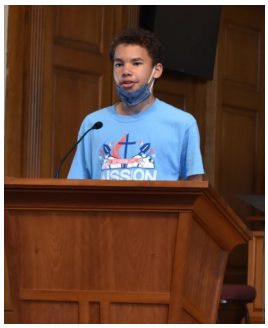
Confirmation Class

We are excited to offer Confirmation this year to our youth in grades 6-8. Confirmation is the process by which youth have the opportunity to become members of Bethesda UMC, confirming the faith their parents committed to when they were baptized. Confirmation is open to all youth in 6th-8th grade, regardless of whether or not you have been baptized or your family are members of Bethesda UMC.

Our class will meet weekly starting on **September 12th**, in-person (and possibly online). During these gatherings we will get to know one another as a group, learn more about our faith as Christians and as United Methodists, and have the opportunity to practice that faith together and with others in our community and world. The program concludes in June when each Confirmand will have the chance to choose for themselves to become a member of the United Methodist Church and of Bethesda UMC. We are excited for this journey together with you all. If you're interested in being part of Confirmation, or have questions, please contact *Rev. Scott* and *Kara* at youth@washmorefeet.org.

FOOTWASHERS OF THE MONTH: Youth FIA Teams

BUMC is a community of footwashers and this monthly feature highlights people in our church family who are serving in a variety of ministries, either here at BUMC or out in the community. This month it's all about our amazing youth who participated in our Faith in Action (FIA) trips this summer. You can read and see more about their experiences below. Special thanks to ***Cameron King*** *and* ***Michael Reilly*** *who shared reflections on Youth Sunday, excerpts of which are included below and on page 9.*



This trip did a wonderful job of connecting the youth and adults with each other, learning about God and connecting both of those with important social justice issues. While we did a lot of fun camp activities - like rafting, high and low ropes courses, hiking, and hanging out at the pool, it wasn't all fun and games. In fact, we learned a lot about social justice issues and the world around us. We focused on a different issue each day. One day, Megan Baldwin and Ms. Barbara taught us all about the school system. And then we made school supply kits for the kids. On another afternoon, we cleaned up the banks of the Potomac River to protect the wildlife. We also discussed the immigration system and how difficult it is for some people to come and find a better life for themselves and their families. We were reminded that in the Bible, Jesus told the people of Israel that how you treat the least among you, including foreigners, is how you treat Him. That is something that really connected with me. Lastly, we helped out at a food bank where we saw God at work. I thought it was amazing how everyone was working together to donate and give food to other people that weren't as fortunate or needed help because of the conditions of Covid-19. We had a great time at Camp Manidokan. We had fun, we connected with each other, and tried to do some of God's work through the mission. It was really Faith in Action!

- Cameron King

Camp Manidokan, MD Faith in Action Team
Youth: *Socorro Sliker-Diaz, Ella Johnson, Cameron King, Dylan King, Abby Koenig, Nico Li & Christina Pannullo*
Adults: *Megan Baldwin, Barbara Bickford, Pat Kirwan & Rev. Scott*

Wilmington, DE Faith in Action Team

Youth: *Sidney Flumbaum, Caroline Jagger, Alex Murray, Michael Reilly, Holly Siegel, Thomas Tanman, Seth Weaver & Kate Welch*

Adults: *Megan Baldwin, Karen Kirwan & Gunnar Gunnarsson*

On our mission trip, we came together with over 230 youth from states across the country to help this community [Wilmington, DE] flourish. My crew rebuilt a ramp to a shed, painted a deck, applied anti-skid tape, and water proofed some areas. Throughout the week we would go out at 9:00 am and work until 3:00 pm on the residents' homes with a break for lunch and devotion. On those breaks we would often have our resident join us and tell us some about themselves. Through devotion we pointed out God sightings and read passages from the Bible that helped remind us of how powerful God is. When we weren't hard at work in 90+ degree weather, we had free time to relax. On Tuesday and Thursday we had opportunities to use a school pool, Wednesday we went tubing as well. We also had program, where the staff would lead us in song and prayer in the evenings after dinner. Speaking of the staff, we had the honor of working with some of the most hard working and devoted people I have ever met. They come in from far away, set everything up, give us materials and supplies, and make sure everyone stays on schedule throughout the week so all these residents can have their houses completed by the end of the week. I personally am very grateful that we had the opportunity to help this community out while enjoying our time in Delaware.

- Michael Reilly

MEMBERSHIP UPDATES

Birth

Congratulations to **Jennifer Dansie & Ty Twigg** on the birth of a daughter, **Grace Virginia Twigg**, on July 4th. The proud grandparents are **Virginia & David Dansie**.

August Celebrations

Happy Birthday

1st Imelda Russell
2nd Lloyd Brown, Andrew Jones, Gary Kushnier, Andrew Leverenz
3rd Robert Karlen, Jenny Koh
4th Nathan Kirvan, Gladys Richter Hays, Samantha Siegel
5th Lucy Andrews, Emily Cevallos, MacKenzie Raue
6th Jennifer Dansie
7th John English, Dawn Lowrie, Cate Olson
8th Antonio Ramirez, Camille Williams
9th Calvin Baker, Jean Bullock, Chris Warrington
10th Henry Baker, Amelia Morgan
11th Elijah Adams
12th Libby Harrison, Weston Liszewski, Andrew Weiland
13th Olivia Anderson, William Rogstad
14th Julia Anderson McCann, David Welch
15th Dylan Oliver
16th Craig Jagger
17th Melissa Bender, Ryan Wright
18th Susan Dahiya
19th John Davis, Sophie DiFrank
21st Isla Haas
22nd Rebecca Long
23rd Carol English, Per Karlen
24th Debra Browning, Rachel Osnos
25th Jessica Long
26th Phoebe Hall, Nico Li
27th Lynn Koenig
29th Clara Baisinger-Rosen, Carter North
30th Ann Morgan Jacobi, Simone Kang, James Mancilla, Alexa Trost

3 Ways to Give

① **Online:** Go to washmorefeet.org/give
② **Text-to-Give:** Text the amount of your donation to 301-679-7266
③ **Mail a check to the church office** (8300 Old Georgetown Rd, Bethesda, MD 20814)

Thank you for your continued support and generosity!

Happy Anniversary

	Date	# of Years
Nicole & James Gillette	5th	4
Joy Harwood & Craig Jagger	8th	34
Debbie & Bob Gillette	9th	41
Nancy & Bruce Smith	11th	54
Gladys Richter Hays & Jamie Hays	18th	3
Marti & John Euler	19th	54
Sarah & Cougar Early	21st	28
Sue O'Hara & Alan Miller	25th	48
Patty & Don Ross	29th	51
Dennis Williams & Jeffrey Ganz	31st	19
Gail & Riley Williams	31st	35

Music Notes

After a long, long hiatus, it seems (fingers crossed) that we are on target to take another step towards normalcy in just a few weeks. Our musical groups will be starting up again – Praise Band, Sanctuary Choir, Bethesda Bells, Church Folk, Common Ground. Whether you are new to our music ministry or have been contemplating a return, we would absolutely love to have you join us.

Not sure you can commit on a regular basis? No problem. Maybe you just would like to participate occasionally as a soloist or instrumentalist (any instrument). That's fine, too! The first thing you need to do is reach out to one of the music staff or volunteer leaders. We will be sure to put your name on the email list for these groups so you get the information about start times and dates in a few weeks.

- **Director of Music**, *Chris Warrington* (chris@washmorefeet.org)
- **Sanctuary Choir Conductor**, *Max Nolin* (max@washmorefeet.org)
- **Bethesda Bells**, *Gail Williams* (gail@washmorefeet.org)
- **Church Folk**, *John Euler* (john@eulers.net)
- **Common Ground** (Youth), *Dave Welch* (davidnwelch@gmail.com)

In the meantime, there are two upcoming opportunities to sing with the choir this summer: **August 1st** and **August 15th**. Contact *Chris Warrington* or *Max Nolin* if you'd like to join in. We are so fortunate to be a part of a church in which music is such a vital part. We would love to have you join us!

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Communion Sunday 10:00 am Worship 11:15 am Sermon Reflection Group 5:00 pm Racial Justice Witness	**2** 8:30 am Sandwich/ Trail Mix Collection & Bethesda Help Food Drive 	**3**	**4** 7:00 am Men's Breakfast 12:00 pm In-person Prayer Gathering	**5** 12:00 pm Prayer Call	**6**	**7**
8 9:00 am Praise in the Parking Lot Family Worship Service 10:00 am Worship (including Kids with Purpose) 11:15 am Sermon Reflection Group 5:00 pm Racial Justice Witness 5:30 pm Youth Group	**9**	**10**	**11** 12:00 pm In-person Prayer Gathering	**12** 12:00 pm Prayer Call	**13**	**14**
15 10:00 am Worship 11:15 am Sermon Reflection Group 11:30 am Young Adult Brunch 5:00 pm Racial Justice Witness	**16** 7:30 pm Gun Violence Prevention Ministry	**17**	**18** 12:00 pm In-person Prayer Gathering	**19** 12:00 pm Prayer Call 7:30 pm Foster Care Meeting	**20** 9:00 am All-Church Work Day 6:00 pm Family Splash Bash	**21** 9:00 am All-Church Work Day
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29 Blessing of the Backpacks 10:00 am Worship (including Kids with Purpose) 11:15 am Sermon Reflection Group 11:15 am Safe Sanctuaries Training 12:00 pm Backpack Tag Pick-up 5:00 pm Racial Justice Witness	**30**	**31** 7:00 pm All-Church Baseball Outing				

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Sundays at BUMC

All are welcome!

Worship
10:00 am (In-person & online)
Tune in at washmorefeet.org/livestream

Praise in the Parking Lot
Sunday, August 8th at 9:00 am
Huntington Pkwy Lot
Bring a chair and join us
for this family-friendly service

Youth Group
Sunday, August 8th at 5:30 pm
Rising 6th-12th graders…come meet Kara Peace,
our new Director of Student Ministries

Racial Justice Witness
Every Sunday, 5:00 - 6:00 pm