

# WORSHIP: Music Ministry

Bethesda United Methodist Church  
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*"Music is like God in that it is intangible, invisible, but undeniably powerful."*

Music, whether characterized as classical, modern, folk, pop, or rock, plays a vital role in the worship experience at BUMC. On any given week, you might find a worship service enhanced by a piano, a band, handbells, a choir, a folk group, or our fantastic organ, and hear any of the musical styles listed above. Our intention in blending these elements is to help the congregation connect with God, the church, and each other. Would you like to be a part of it? There are opportunities for musicians of all ages and abilities to participate in our music ministry. Contact **Chris Warrington**, BUMC Director of Music (chris@washmorefeet.org).

## PRAISE BAND

Rehearsals: **Thursdays, 6:30 - 8:00 pm**



BUMC's Praise Band regularly provides music for worship. Our band features vocals, accompanied by keyboards, guitar, bass, and drums. Together, we lead the congregation in singing brand

new Christian music, songs that started the contemporary worship movement, as well as new arrangements of old favorite hymns and gospel songs. We particularly enjoy presenting popular/secular music that contains a spiritual or religious theme.

Contact: **Chris Warrington** (chris@washmorefeet.org)

## SANCTUARY CHOIR

Rehearsals: **Thursdays, 8:00 - 9:00 pm**

Traditional choral music and hymns continue to fill a vital niche in worship services. Each week during worship, our Sanctuary Choir helps lead the congregational singing and also present anthems spanning musical eras of baroque, classical, and others up to and including more contemporary offerings.

Contact: **Max Nolin - Conductor** (max@washmorefeet.org) or **Chris Warrington** (chris@washmorefeet.org)



## HANDBELLS:

### BETHESDA BELLS



Rehearsals:

**Mondays, 7:30 pm**

This handbell ensemble for more experienced ringers is directed by **Gail Williams** and rings in worship

about once a month.

Contact: **Gail Williams**(gailwilltoo@verizon.net)

### CAPITAL CARILLON

We are proud to host and occasionally collaborate with *Capital Carillon*, a local semi-professional handbell ensemble whose mission is promoting the art of English handbell ringing. Check out their website ([capitalcarillon.org](http://capitalcarillon.org)) for more information.

## CHURCH FOLK

**2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of the Month, 7:30 pm**

Church Folk, as the name implies, is a group that gathers to play music in a folk-style using acoustic instruments and our voices. We move at a relaxed pace with the goal of occasionally leading worship services (Evensong during Lent and Advent), and participating in BUMC's annual FolkFest in March. We welcome anyone who wants to come strum or sing along with us.



Contact: **Sharon North** (north.sharon168@gmail.com)

## COMMON GROUND (YOUTH)

Rehearsals: **Select Mondays, 7:00 pm**



The youth praise band (6<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> grade) welcomes new singers and instrumentalists of all types. We rehearse about twice a month on **Mondays at 7:00 p.m.** and occasionally lead the music during worship.

Contact: **David Welch** (davidwelch@gmail.com)

## CHILDREN (PRE-K - 5<sup>TH</sup> GRADE)

Children in Pre-K through 5<sup>th</sup> grade have several opportunities to participate in worship through musical presentations. Our *Children's Sabbath* service in September and the *Christmas Pageant* in December are just two examples of times that children will be singing together. More information about rehearsals for these presentations and others can be found in *The Messenger* and Weekend Update.



Contact: **Max Nolin** (max@washmorefeet.org)