

A Servant Heart: 40 Days of Action



Racial Justice Ministry, Foster Care Ministry, Gun Violence Prevention Ministry, and Creation Care Ministry

“Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God’s grace in its various forms.”
1 Peter 4:10

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			<p><u>FEBRUARY 17</u> <i>Ash Wednesday</i></p> <p>Join us this Lenten season in celebrating the important work of our Ministries and learning more about service opportunities.</p>	<p><u>FEBRUARY 18</u></p> <p>Toni Morrison, one of the most acclaimed authors of the 20th century, was born this day in 1931. Learn more about her life and works, such as <i>Beloved</i>, <i>Song of Solomon</i>, and <i>The Bluest Eye</i>.</p>	<p><u>FEBRUARY 19</u></p> <p>COVID-19 has caused a massive increase in those in need of food; World Central Kitchen, Manna, and Martha’s Table are local organizations that have stepped up to distribute food. Check out volunteer opportunities with them!</p>	<p><u>FEBRUARY 20</u></p> <p>Read the Mission Statement of Black Lives Matter and come join our racial witnesses at BUMC, Sundays at 4 PM.</p> <p>www.blacklives-matter.com</p>
<p><u>FEBRUARY 21</u></p> <p><i>What does the LORD require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?</i></p> <p>- Micah 6:8</p>	<p><u>FEBRUARY 22</u></p> <p>Learn about the Meatless Monday craze - it’s good for you and good for the planet!</p>	<p><u>FEBRUARY 23</u></p> <p>Tuesdays are open for new volunteers at Jubilee Jobs. Learn more about how you can support this organization!</p> <p>www.jubileejobs.org</p>	<p><u>FEBRUARY 24</u></p> <p>Check out the important work that the Maryland Alliance for Justice Reform is doing and see how you can get involved to advocate for causes that affect our community.</p> <p>ma4jr.org</p>	<p><u>FEBRUARY 25</u></p> <p>Learn about 4Montgomery Kids and how you can help support and provide opportunities for Montgomery County’s foster children.</p> <p>4montgomeryskids.org</p>	<p><u>FEBRUARY 26</u></p> <p>Join CCUMC in discussing the Harlem Renaissance; learn about the history of the period and hear poetry and music. 7:30 PM</p> <p>Contact the church for Zoom info!</p>	<p><u>FEBRUARY 27</u></p> <p>To help BUMC support McKenna’s Wagon, make trail mix and sandwiches for drop off at the church on Monday from 8-10 AM!</p> <p>(Drop-Off every first Monday of the month - contact church office for more info)</p>

<p><u>FEBRUARY 28</u></p> <p><i>And whoever would be first among you must be slave of all. For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.</i></p> <p>—Mark 10:44-45</p>	<p><u>MARCH 1</u></p> <p>Learn more about Rise Against Hunger’s campaign to end hunger globally.</p> <p>www.riseagainsthunger.org</p>	<p><u>MARCH 2</u></p> <p>Howard University in DC opened its doors March 2, 1867. We can support HBCU’s through the Thurgood Marshall Fund or giving directly to these schools.</p> <p>www.tmcf.org</p>	<p><u>MARCH 3</u></p> <p>Is your local stream clean enough for baptisms? Locate your waterway and its condition at: mywaterway.epa.gov</p>	<p><u>MARCH 4</u></p> <p>Brady United’s Mission is to reduce gun violence by 25% by 2025. See how you can get involved and support this effort.</p> <p>bradyunited.org</p>	<p><u>MARCH 5</u></p> <p>Do you like elephants and rhinos? If so, follow the David Sheldrick Wildlife Trust on Facebook and Instagram to learn about their work and see some really cute animals!</p> <p>www.sheldrick-wildlifetrust.org</p>	<p><u>MARCH 6</u></p> <p>Did you know diapers are not covered by SNAP or WIC? Aid organizations in DC are in desperate need for diapers. Consider supporting DC’s diaper bank to help those in need!</p> <p>greaterdcdiaperbank.org</p>
<p><u>MARCH 7</u></p> <p><i>In all things I have shown you that by working hard in this way we must help the weak and remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he himself said, ‘It is more blessed to give than to receive.’</i></p> <p>—Acts 20:35</p>	<p><u>MARCH 8</u></p> <p>Among U.S. youth, homicide is the leading cause of death for African Americans. Safe Streets Baltimore is an evidence-based, public health program to reduce gun violence among youth ages 14 to 24. See how you can help.</p> <p>www.jhsph.edu/research/centers-and-institutes/center-for-prevention-of-youth-violence/field-reports/SafeStreets.html</p>	<p><u>MARCH 9</u></p> <p>Grab a copy of your home energy bill and calculate your carbon footprint on the EPA’s website. Take note of the activities that are the most carbon-intensive.</p> <p>https://www3.epa.gov/carbon-footprint-calculator/</p>	<p><u>MARCH 10</u></p> <p>Learn about supporting the Foster Care community as a CASA. A CASA volunteer is appointed by a judge to advocate for a child’s best interest in court.</p> <p>marylandcasa.org</p>	<p><u>MARCH 11</u></p> <p>BUMC has a long tradition of supporting Bethesda Help, which provides food for those in need in our community. Check out ways to volunteer with this organization!</p> <p>www.bethesda-help.org</p>	<p><u>MARCH 12</u></p> <p>The National Museum for African-American History and Culture’s website has a number of resources to look at for talking about race. Check out:</p> <p>nmaahc.si.edu/learn/talking-about-race</p> <p>(And consider visiting once it’s safe!)</p>	<p><u>MARCH 13</u></p> <p>Watch Ted Talk “A Parkland Teacher’s Homework”</p> <p>https://www.ted.com/talks/diane-wolk-rogers-a-parkland-teacher-s-homework-for-us-all#t-4953</p>

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<p style="text-align: center;"><u>MARCH 14</u></p> <p><i>If I then, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet.</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">— John 13:14</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>MARCH 15</u></p> <p>Pray for public servants and the communities they serve. Research what safeguards your local and state police have in place to protect against bias and brutality.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>MARCH 16</u></p> <p>Shop for foster children on BUMC's Foster Care Ministry Amazon Gift Registry!</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Details forthcoming.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>MARCH 17</u></p> <p>The American Red Cross has an urgent need for blood during the ongoing COVID-19 crisis. Consider donating blood or plasma to help those in need.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">redcrossblood.org</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>MARCH 18</u></p> <p>Learn about the life of Methodist Minister and Civil Rights Pioneer Rev. Gil Caldwell. Each year, he wrote a letter on the state of MLK's "Dream." Read one of his letters.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>MARCH 19</u></p> <p>Learn about gun violence by reading an article on The Trace.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">thetrace.org</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>MARCH 20</u></p> <p>Learn about all the different efforts supported by UMCOR, the humanitarian relief and development arm of the United Methodist Church, and find a way you can give back.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">umcmmission.org/umcor/</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>MARCH 21</u></p> <p><i>Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the Earth. Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be satisfied.</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">—Matthew 5:5-6</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>MARCH 22</u></p> <p>Wash laundry in cold water this week and hang it up to dry to save energy and money.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>MARCH 23</u></p> <p>Join BUMC's Racial Justice Ministry in a discussion with community volunteers on how to support individuals recently released from prison.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">7:00 PM</p> <p>Contact the church office for Zoom information.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>MARCH 24</u></p> <p>Learn about ways you can support COVID-19 rent relief through the National Low Income Housing Coalition, which educates on policy and resource responses to COVID-19.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">https://nlihc.org/</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>MARCH 25</u></p> <p>Between 1989 and 2017, 7,276 Washington, D.C. residents were murdered by guns. The TraRon Center helps their families heal. Consider donating to this worthy local organization.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">traroncenter.org</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>MARCH 26</u></p> <p>Spring Cleaning! As you clean out closets, please consider donating to BUMC's Foster Care Ministry Closet or Interfaith Works!</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>MARCH 27</u></p> <p>Earth Hour is one of the world's largest grassroots movements for the environment. Join the movement and turn off your lights from 8:30-9:30 PM.</p>

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<p style="text-align: center;"><u>MARCH 28</u> Palm Sunday</p> <p><i>For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">- John 3:16</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>MARCH 29</u></p> <p>Try a "water fast" by turning off water while brushing your teeth, and flushing your toilet half as often. Around the world, many people have access only to the amount of water each day that Americans use in one toilet flush.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>MARCH 30</u></p> <p>Moms Demand Action is a grassroots movement of Americans fighting for public safety measures that can protect people from gun violence. They have many ways to get involved!</p> <p style="text-align: center;">momsdemandaction.org/</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>MARCH 31</u></p> <p>During the ongoing COVID pandemic, support local black-owned businesses by checking out the website below.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">mocoshow.com/blog/black-owned-moco-based-businesses/</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>APRIL 1</u> Maundy Thursday</p> <p>Join in Maundy Thursday Worship online or as part of our in-person parking lot tailgate service.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>APRIL 2</u> Good Friday</p> <p>Join our Good Friday Stations of the Cross Worship Service available online</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>APRIL 3</u></p> <p>Spend some time today considering what you hope will be recreated or reborn in the world as part of Easter. How can you help that hope to flourish?</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>APRIL 4</u> Easter Sunday</p> <p><i>So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">—2 Corinthians 5:17</p>						