



Matthew 3:13-17 NRSVUE

¹³ Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. ¹⁴ John would have prevented him, saying, “I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?” ¹⁵ But Jesus answered him, “Let it be so now, for it is proper for us in this way to fulfill all righteousness.” Then he consented. ¹⁶ And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw God’s Spirit descending like a dove and alighting on him. ¹⁷ And a voice from the heavens said, “This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.”

January 11, 2026



*This is the Word of God, for the people of God!
Thanks be to God!*

*Mission Statement
Knowing Christ, Growing in Faith, and Showing God’s Love*

*Vision Statement
Bethel United Methodist Church continues its unchanging heritage of faith, striving to be a sacred place to know Christ fully, grow spiritually, and show God’s love through compassion, service, and generosity.*

Celebration of WORSHIP

January 11, 2026
8:00 & 11:00 a.m. Service

GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

Prelude: "Let All Things Now Living" arr. Larson

Greeting & Announcements

*Call to Worship:

Leader: In the very beginning, God separated the darkness and the light. God called the Light "Day" and the Darkness, God called "Night".

People: **We were once people who dwelled in darkness, but God has given us the true Light, Jesus Christ.**

Leader: God has blessed us and adopted us as God's own beloved children, through the sacrament of Baptism.

People: **The water of baptism brings to us healing and reconciliation; it is a symbol of nourishment and cleansing.**

Leader: This day is the day of the remembrance of Jesus' Baptism.

People: **As we hear the words of his baptism, let us be reminded of our own adoption by God and celebrate the joyous connection to the Almighty God.**

GIVE PRAISE TO GOD

*Opening Hymn: "My Jesus, I Love Thee"#172 UMH

Opening Prayer: **Eternal God, at the baptism of Jesus, you revealed him to be your Son, and anointed him with the Holy Spirit, Keep all who are born of water and the Spirit faithful to their calling as your people; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. This we pray in Jesus' name, who taught us to pray...**

The Lord's Prayer: **Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory forever.**

1 Amen.



Sunday 8:00 a.m. Traditional Worship Live - Sanctuary
8:00 a.m. Bethel Men's Group - PMH
9:15 a.m. Contemporary Worship -Come Alive Time - Sanctuary
9:30 a.m. Sunday School - Various Rooms
11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship Live - Sanctuary
6:30 p.m. Fuel - PMH

Joyce Mentzer's Sabbath

Tuesday 9:30 a.m. Sue Sprague Bible Study - PMH
1:00 p.m. Cookbook Committee Meeting - Meeting Room
6:00 p.m. "J" Crew - Music Room
6:30 p.m. Trustees Meeting - PMH
7:00 p.m. YM² - Music Room

Wednesday 10:30 a.m. Women's Ministry Meeting - PMH
6:00 p.m. King's Kids - Music Room
7:00 p.m. First Towne Ringers - Music Room

Thursday 10:00 a.m. The Gospel of Matthew Bible Study - PMH
6:00 p.m. Miracle Singers - BFH
6:00 p.m. Wyldlife - PMH
7:15 p.m. Chancel Choir - Music Room

Pastor Jim's Sabbath Ray Davis's Sabbath

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9:30 a.m. Sunday School - Various Rooms
11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship Live - Sanctuary

Church Livestream Available Online Sundays
9:15 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

Or anytime after the services on YouTube

BFH - Bethel Fellowship Hall
PMH - Parsonage Meeting House



BETHEL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH PRAYER LIST

1/11/2026

Key: **Bold, Italicized & Underlined** type indicates a request new this week

Rehabilitation: David Hurlock, Bobby Lane, Paul Webb

Hospital: Dwayne Henry, Dottie Mckain

Hospice: Gary Arrell, Rosemary Bouvier, Jim Kardas, Brenda Keith, Sharon Messinger, Mrs. Sample, Jim Smith

General Concerns: Meg Anderson, Andy Baker, Marilyn Battiste, Bryce, Paula Carridan, Tracy Carson, John & Linda Catanzaro, Collick Family, Kathy Crowley, Cathy Crown, Scott Dailey, Bob Dathe, Kim Edmonds, Pat Emmett, Jessi Ferree, Bridget Fowler, Fred Gentry, Bill Gibbons, Giovanna (Sister of Mauro De Mederios), Ida (Sister in-Law of Tina Eaton), Jessica, Kelly Jones, Kelsea, Kelly Lahorcek, Paulette Lazzarro, Al Lopez, Lucca, Penny MacLennan, Pat McMillen, Ann Miller, Whitney Murray, June Myers, Jennifer Nobles, Xavier Nobles, Kelly Pinsky, Pauline Powell, Beth Rampson, Naomi Rickards, Cindi Flahive-Sobel, Danny & Debbie Summers, Linda Sydell & Family

Long Term: Ansalvish Family, Bryan Attix, Rev. Gloria Attix, Fran Baker, Matthew Baker, Ruth Ann Baker, Ginny Barney, Wesley Beam, Dave Beddle, Nancy Bektolino, Betty, Gavin Birl, Daryl Bradley, Inez Brengle, Liz Carrier, John Caycedo, Janette Clavette, Clawson Family, Victor Colon, Rev. Charles Covington, Bill Dell, Delores, Jay Dentino, Bob Dickey, Richard Dickey, Bonnie Ekas, Jim Emanuel, Marilyn Emanuel, Trish Emmett, Tom Engel, Susie Eveland, Olga Fitch, Frank Fitzgerald Sr, Gayle Gibbons, Danny Gillespie, Hazel Gillespie, Junie Grant, Jude Gray, Alex Grove, George Hammond, Kelly Harp, Heather & Indy, Nancy Hecker, Lou Henderson, Sharon Henderson, Jack Henriksen, Connor Hiple, Jim Hooban, Kayla Hottinger, David Jones, Erika Jones, Chubby Joseph, Deb Kellenbenz, Adam Kent, Faye Kintz, Kathy Kroley, Norm Kugel, Janice Kulp, Paulette Lazarro, Nancy Logan, Bill Lyons, Rob MacArthur, Madison MacElrevey, Matt, Kortlyn, & Bodi, Dr. Jim Marvel, Patty Marvel, Janet McGinnis, Claranne Mettrott, Stephen Mettler, Marsha Miller, Stephanie Miller, Rev. Charles Moyer, Chuck Naspinsky, Curt & Melinda Newsome, Ted Niemczyk, Lori O'Day, Brian O'Dell, Thom Pemberton, George Pepper, Earl Peters, Jodi Potter, Steve Rellihan, Beth Rinker, Carla Robinson, Tom Schaich, Mary Louise Scott, John Schulze, Joe Seay, Bill Seitz, Betty Sheats, Logan Smith, Tricia(Spangler)Gracey, Chet Sprague, Judy Stevenson, Bonnie Stevlingson, Margaret Stockslager, Dale Stough, James Taylor, Bonnie Tedesco, Peggy Thomas, Dave Trout, Bob Turcovski, Dawn Vandegrift, Michael Walker, Wanda, Kathy Watson, Kathy Wetherhold-Parrott, Hilda Williams, Trish Wilson, Woody Wilson, Theresa Wise, Jim & Jolie Woodward, Lucretia Y., Glenn Yetter, Marge Zayatz

Up Coming Procedures: Anne Schulze

Recovering From Procedures: Bobbie Flynn, June Rose Futcher, Margaret Hitchens, Pam Monti, Peter Moyer

Other:

- The People of Venezuela.
- All those caring for family and friends, especially spouses and those that have lost a child.
- Delaware Firefighters, EMS, and State Troopers.
- For racial justice in the United States.

Sympathy to:

- Family & Friends of Mike Ingerson, Son of Doris Shockley, who passed Jan. 1st
- Fyock Family on the passing of Adrienne's mother.
- Family & Friends of Della Miller, who passed on Dec. 19th.
- Family & Friends of the Jate Walsh, who passed on Dec. 24th.
- Family & Friends of Dr. Joe Morgan, who passed on Dec. 31st.

LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD

Joys & Concerns and Pastoral Prayer

God's Tithes and our Offerings

Offertory (8): "Aria on 'Jewels'" by Young
(11): "By the Water Flowing" arr. Lopez
Ed Keefer, Guiter

*Doxology:#94 UMH

*Gospel Lesson: Matthew 3:13-17

Message "The Mission in Front of Us" Pastor Jim Penuel

Remembering Our Baptism..... Page 50 UMH

Baptized in Water/When Jesus Came to Jordan:..... See Insert

GO FORTH IN GOD'S NAME

*Closing Hymn: "Go, Make of All Disciples".....#571 UMH

*Benediction & Final Blessing

Leader: As we depart, may the Peace of Christ be with you.

People: **May the Peace of Christ be with you.**

(All are invited to pass the Peace of Christ to all as you exit during the Postlude)

*Postlude: "It Is Well" arr. Howard

*Those who are able, please stand.

The flowers on the altar are given to the Glory of God

Hearing assistance devices are located at the sound booth.

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Come Alive Time WORSHIP

Come Alive Time



January 11, 2026
9:15 a.m. Service

GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

Gathering: (Please watch the screen for upcoming events)

Greeting and Opening Prayer

GIVE PRAISE TO GOD

*Opening Song of Praise & Worship: "Open Up the Heavens"

Children's Message: "How We Remember"

Joys & Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

Offering: "Our God Saves"

LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD

*Gospel Lesson: Matthew 3:13-17

Message "The Mission in Front of Us"

Pastor Jim Penuel

Remembering Our Baptism: "Baptized"

GO FORTH IN GOD'S NAME

*Closing Song: "Send Me"

*Benediction & Final Blessing

Leader: As we depart, may the Peace of Christ be with you.

People: **May the Peace of Christ be with you.**

(All are invited to pass the Peace of Christ to all as you exit during the Postlude)

**Those who are able, please stand.*

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ANNOUNCEMENTS



DELAWARE

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

FOR BOTH CODE PURPLE @THE CAPE SHELTERS

Shelter Season is Mon Dec 1, 2025 – Sat Mar 15, 2026



This vital resource is dependent on volunteers as Code Purple @ the Cape is a 100% volunteer run.

Both of their emergency winter shelters, at St Jude the Apostle and the Lutheran Church of Our Savior, are open every night from December 1st until March 15th.

Volunteer spots include overnight Hosts, intake Assistants & bus Drivers.

They serve single adult men and women. Provided services include a hot meal, a warm, safe and secure bed, weather appropriate clothing, and hygiene. Each guest is uniquely homeless...each vulnerable...each one matters!

To view the descriptions and dates open for each job on their [SignUp.com](https://signup.com) page just copy and paste this address into your browser:
<https://signup.com/go/xVKqQw>

If you have questions about volunteering email Mike Agnew at codepurple@stjudelewes.org

Thank you



Love Inc-Code Purple Shelters:

Our friends at Love INC could also use some helping hands at the **Georgetown** and **Milford** Code Purple shelters. They're looking for overnight volunteers!

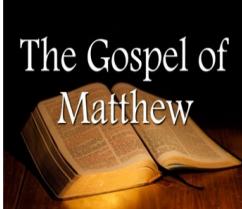
If you're able to serve, you can sign up at:

<https://40484.people.myamplify.io/external/form/807a9e0b-3191-48c1-bc4c-f6864db51097> Thank You!!



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Love Offering: The January Love Offering will benefit UMCOR/US. disaster relief with a direct focus on the disaster in the Northwest. UMCOR provides vital disaster relief and recovery support to individuals and communities affected by natural and human-made disasters worldwide. UMCOR has been dedicated to alleviating suffering and serves as a source of help and hope for the vulnerable. Love Offerings may be given throughout the month in the “designated” plates found at the back of Fellowship Hall & the Sanctuary or online by clicking “Choose a Fund” and then by clicking “Communion/Love Offering” in the drop down menu. If donating by check please remember to make payable to Bethel UMC and note love offering.



Coming on Thursday Mornings Beginning January 15, 2026

What a great way to begin the New Year: A new Bible Study on the Gospel of Matthew emphasizing the 5 Great Discourses or Conversations contained in the book. Jesus had a lot to say and a very short time to say it. Come and join in as we explore His words together in the Sermon on the Mount, in the instructions he gave to the 12 before sending them out to proclaim the Gospel, the Parables on the Kingdom of Heaven, the Church, and the End Times.

This class is for everyone: those who want to learn more about how to study the Bible, those who love studying the Bible, and everyone in between. All you need is your Bible and a heart that's inclined to studying God's Word and listening to His teaching. The class is led by John Hammett and will meet for 11 consecutive Thursday mornings from 10:00 - 11:30 in the PMH.

Please contact John by text at 410-733-5736 or by email at hammettjohnj@comcast.net if you'd like to attend or if you have questions.

BETHEL INFORMATION

To our guests...

Welcome to Bethel! Thank you for worshipping with us. We invite you to experience the love and grace of God in Jesus Christ today. During the announcements we would like to give you a welcome packet—just raise your hand and an Usher will bring you one. We value your feedback. Please fill out the Information Card in the mug and place it in the offering plate. For more information about Bethel, visit our website at www.bethellewes.org or call the Church Office. Thank you.

Worship Opportunities

Traditional Sunday Worship in the Sanctuary, 8:00 a.m.
Contemporary Worship in Fellowship Hall, 9:15 a.m.
Traditional Sunday Worship in the Sanctuary, 11:00 a.m.
Church Livestream Watch Online Sundays @ 9:15 or 11:00
Or anytime after the services on YouTube

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Leaders for Today's Service

Greeters:	8:00 Pam Cook 9:15 Kevin White 11:00
Ushers:	8:00 Ernie Stanley, Head Usher Sandy Hunsicker, & Ron Smith Assistants 9:15 Libby Gibson, Head Usher 11:00 Joann Brittingham, Head Usher Miguel Gomez & Ralph Scott; Assistants
Liturgists:	8:00 Bill Collick 9:15 Ray Davis 11:00 Michael Emery
Audio Visual Techs:	Ray Davis, Ed Emmett, Norm Macturk, Mauro Medeiros, Todd Mentzer
Miracle Singers:	9:15 Kim Edmonds, Cathy Ferree, John Harris, Faye Kintz, Patty Marvel, Bill Powell

Weekly Statistics

Attendance: January 4, 2026: 309 (8:00-56; 9:15-167; 11:00-86)

Contributions for January 4, 2026

weekly deposit	\$ 19,740.46
weekly budget	\$ 16,915.18
YTD collection	\$ 19,740.46
YTD budget	\$ 16,915.18



To enroll, click on the "Giving" tab on the Church's website.



Bethel's Food Ministries

Cold Weather Sheltering programs will begin 12/1/25

Contact for both programs is Cathie Wagner at
ccwgr@aol.com

Anyone interested in providing food can access the sign-up sheets for the two programs by following these steps:

- Go to: www.bethellewes.org
- Click on Information at the top of Bethel's home page.
- Select "Bethel Food Ministries" from the drop down menu. This will bring you to a page that contains the direct links to the two programs and important information for each program, (so read through carefully).
- Click on the link for the program you want and you will be linked to the sign-up sheet for that program.

The CRC sign up has a separate link for each month.

Financial Support: Thank you for your weekly support. We thank everyone who has provided funds to keep Bethel's ministries going.

There are six ways you can get your gift to Bethel:

1. **Drop off your donation** through the mail slot in the front door of the Parsonage Meeting House at 130 W. 4th St.
2. **Mail donations** to BUMC, 129 W. Fourth St., Lewes, DE.
3. **E-giving:** Go to Bethel's Website www.bethellewes.org and at the top right of the home page and click on the word, 'Giving.'
4. **Text Giving** is a newest option for donations, using a cell phone or hand-held device. Call (302) 202-6625, text the word "GIVE"
5. **IRA Distribution.** Those who are over 70½, can donate part of their mandatory distribution to Bethel. Please speak to your financial advisor before doing this.
6. **QR Code:** Scan the QR Code located on bottom right corner.



Missions First Annual

Opportunity to Serve Fair & Chili Tasting



Sunday, February 1, 2026

4 to 5:30pm in Fellowship Hall



Our commitment to the Methodist faith calls for our “prayers, presence, gifts, service and witness.” To help us meet that commitment several non-profit organizations are coming to the Fair so they can explain their mission and the work that must be completed to achieve that mission. It is an opportunity to understand the purpose of the organization and to volunteer for a single day or on an ongoing basis.

In addition, existing Bethel groups will be present to share their opportunities to volunteer. The Fair gives everyone an opportunity to volunteer for an existing church activity or project well as reach beyond the walls of the church.

To entice you to come, attendees will have an opportunity to taste different chili recipes. Chili makers are asked to contribute a crockpot of their favorite chili. So that the Missions Team can prepare, please email George Phillips (retiredman2017@gmail.com) to let him know you want to share your great chili with others. Please include your recipe in the email so the Team can make copies to share with everyone attending the Fair.

The Missions Team looks forward to seeing you at the Fair. Thank You!

Note Sheet

The Mission in Front of Us

Matthew 3:13-17

1/11/26

1. Baptism marks the _____ of our Christian lives.
2. Baptism is a sign of God's _____ grace at work in our lives.
3. Baptism is also a _____.
4. Baptism marks us with our _____ as a follower of Jesus.
5. Baptism puts our _____ in front of us.
6. Baptism makes us a part of Christ's “Royal _____.”
7. We are called to “Make _____ of Jesus Christ for the _____ of the world.”

Scripture reading for further reflection: 1st Peter 2:1-10, Matthew 28:16-20.

Note: You may access the Digital Sermon Note Page by scanning the QR Code





JESUS' BAPTISM



Miriam's Table Dining Out: Mariachi Restaurant will be hosting the "Dining Out with Miriam" event on Wednesday, January 21, from 11:00 AM to 9:00 PM. During this time, fifteen percent of all sales will be donated to Miriam's Table, a charitable organization dedicated to childhood nutrition in the Democratic Republic of Congo.

Located at 14 Wilmington Avenue in Rehoboth Beach, Mariachi Restaurant offers fresh, homemade Spanish, Mexican, and Latin American cuisine. You can view their menu at <https://mariachirehobothde.com/menus/>. Reservations are welcome by calling 302-227-0115



Our Bethel Cookbook is returning after 15 years!

The Bethel Cookbook is returning after 15 years! Recipe submissions will be accepted now until Feb. 1st. Forms are available in the lobby and attached to the e-blast. A collection basket is in the lobby for your completed forms. Send us your favorites to share with your church and friends. We have amazing cooks and bakers at Bethel! Sponsored by the Elizabeth Circle.

Women's Ministry Meeting

The Women's Ministry will not hold its regular meeting during the month of January as we gather instead for our annual luncheon at Baywood at 12:00 p.m. Our next meeting will be held on February 11th at 10:30 a.m. at the Parsonage Meeting House. All are warmly welcome to attend!

LRAC: The Lewes-Rehoboth Association of Congregations (LRAC) is a 501(c)3 charitable nonprofit corporation established in 1983 as a collaborative effort of local churches to come together to serve those in need in the community. LRAC runs the New Life Thrift Shop which funds grant support for the Community Resource Center and a host of other local ministry partner. We are proud to partner with LRAC, and we will hear today from their executive director, Brenda Kasprzewski.