

Jeremiah 32:1-3, 6-15 NRSVUE

¹ The word that came to Jeremiah from the Lord in the tenth year of King Zedekiah of Judah, which was the eighteenth year of Nebuchadnezzar. ² At that time the army of the king of Babylon was besieging Jerusalem, and the prophet Jeremiah was confined in the court of the guard that was in the palace of the king of Judah, ³ where King Zedekiah of Judah had confined him. Zedekiah had said, “Why do you prophesy and say: Thus says the Lord: I am going to give this city into the hand of the king of Babylon, and he shall take it;

⁶ Jeremiah said, “The word of the Lord came to me: ⁷ Hanamel son of your uncle Shallum is going to come to you and say, ‘Buy my field that is at Anathoth, for the right of redemption by purchase is yours.’ ” ⁸ Then my cousin Hanamel came to me in the court of the guard, in accordance with the word of the Lord, and said to me, “Buy my field that is at Anathoth in the land of Benjamin, for the right of possession and redemption is yours; buy it for yourself.” Then I knew that this was the word of the Lord. ⁹ And I bought the field at Anathoth from my cousin Hanamel and weighed out the silver to him, seventeen shekels of silver. ¹⁰ I signed the deed, sealed it, got witnesses, and weighed the silver on scales. ¹¹ Then I took the sealed deed of purchase containing the terms and conditions and the open copy, ¹² and I gave the deed of purchase to Baruch son of Neriah son of Mahseiah, in the presence of my cousin Hanamel, in the presence of the witnesses who signed the deed of purchase, and in the presence of all the Judeans who were sitting in the court of the guard. ¹³ In their presence I charged Baruch, saying, ¹⁴ “Thus says the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel: Take these deeds, both this sealed deed of purchase and this open deed, and put them in an earthenware jar, in order that they may last for a long time. ¹⁵ For thus says the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel: Houses and fields and vineyards shall again be bought in this land.”

This is the Word of God, for the people of God!

Thanks be to God!

October 12, 2025



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.

Worship

Celebration of

October 12, 2025
8:00 & 11:00 a.m. Service

GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

Prelude: "Songs of Hope" by Smith

Greeting & Announcements

*Call to Worship:

Leader: Those who dwell in the shelter of the Most High will abide in the shadow of the Almighty.

People: ***They will say of the Lord, "God is my refuge and fortress, the one in whom we trust."***

Leader: Those who dwell in the shelter of the Most High will abide in the refuge of God's wings.

People: ***They will not fear the terror of the night nor the arrow that flies by day.***

Leader: "Those who love me, I will deliver," says the Lord.

People: ***O Lord, we call to you now. Show us your salvation.***

GIVE PRAISE TO GOD

*Opening Hymn: "O Worship the King".....#73 UMH

Opening Prayer: *God our Redeemer, you promise deliverance to those who love you. Draw unto us as we draw unto you in worship. Open our eyes to see, our ears to hear, our minds to comprehend, and our spirits to encounter the revelation you have for us this day. Transform us with the truth of your love and grace, in the name of the one who loved us and gave his life for us. 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. Amen.*

OCTOBER 12—OCTOBER 19

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

Monday		Joyce Mentzer's Sabbath
	1:00 p.m.	Prayer Shawl Ministry - Lounge
	1:30 p.m.	Medicare Educational Seminar - PMH

Tuesday	9:30 a.m.	Sue Sprague Bible Study - Meeting Room
	10:00 a.m.	Galatians Bible Study - PMH
	10:00 a.m.	Blood Drive - BFH
	6:00 p.m.	"J" Crew - Music Room
	6:30 p.m.	Trustees Meeting - PMH
	7:00 p.m.	YM ² - Music Room

Wednesday	6:30 p.m.	Church Conference - Sanctuary
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Thursday	1:00 p.m.	Kay Poole Bible Study - PMH
	6:00 p.m.	Miracle Singers - BFH
	6:00 p.m.	Wyldlife - PMH
	7:15 p.m.	Chancel Choir - Music Room

Friday		Pastor Jim's Sabbath
		Ray Davis's Sabbath

Sunday	8:00 a.m.	Traditional Worship Live - Sanctuary
	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
	5:00 p.m.	Confirmation Class - PMH
	6:30 p.m.	Fuel - PMH

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



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Rehabilitation: Jack Henriksen, David Hurlock, Bobby Lane, June Myers, Paul Webb
Hospital: Chuck Burton, Bill Dell, Susan French, Karen Kitchen, Dottie Mckain, **Nancy**, Joe Seay
Hospice: Gary Arrell, Rosemary Bouvier, Harlow Carson, Jim Kardas, Brenda Keith, Sharon Messinger, Mrs. Sample, Jim Smith

Long Term: Ansalvish Family, Bryan Attix, Rev. Gloria Attix, Fran Baker, Matthew Baker, Ruth Ann Baker, Ginny Barney, Wesley Beam, Nancy Bektolino, Gavin Birl, Daryl Bradley, Inez Brengle, Liz Carrier, John Caycedo, Janette Clavette, Rev. Charles Covington, Jay Dentino, Bob Dickey, Richard Dickey, Christine Drew, Bonnie Ekas, Erika, 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, Nancy Hecker, Lou Henderson, Sharon Henderson, Connor Hiple, Jim Hooban, Kayla Hottinger, David 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 Meitrott, Stephen Metler, Marsha Miller, Chuck Naspinsky, Curt & Melinda Newsome, Ted Niemczyk, Lori O'Day, Brian O'Dell, Thom Pemberton, George Pepper, Earl Peters, Jodi Potter, Steve Rellihaan, Beth Rinker, Carla Robinson, Tom Schaich, Mary Louise Scott, John Schulze, Bill Seitz, Betty Sheats, Logan Smith, Tricia (Spangler) Gracey, Chet Sprague, Judy Stevenson, Bonnie Stevlingson, Dale Stough, James Taylor, Bonnie Tedesco, Peggy Thomas, Dave Trout, Bob Turcowski, Dawn Vandegrift, Michael Walker, Wanda, Kathy Watson, Kathy Wetherhold-Parrott, Hilda Williams, Trish Wilson, Woody Wilson, Theresa Wise, Lucretia Y., Glenn Yetter, Marge Zayatz

Recovering From Procedures: Thelma Bradley, Liz Carrier, Ruth Daughtery, Joyce Famelio, Ed Keefer, *Lee Maxwell*, Cecelia Offidani, *Amber Penuel*, Rob Skok

- Pray for all those affected by the Michigan Church Attack.
- Prayers for Frederick County MD Therapeutic Riding as they recover & rebuild from their devastating fire.
- Democratic Republic of the Congo - under attack by M23 rebels
- Ongoing Wars in the Middle East & Eastern Europe.
- 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.

- *Family & Friends of Christine Drew, Step Daughter of Larry Delli Santi, who passed away Oct. 4th.*
- Family & Friends of Barry Attix, Husband of Gloria & Father of Joyce Mentzer, who passed away Sept. 26th.

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Come Alive Time WORSHIP



October 12, 2025
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: *"Yesterday, Now, and Always"*

Sacrament of Baptism: Lily Josephine Caffrey

Baptism Response: *"Borning Cry"*

Musical Offering by the King's Kids: *"I'm Gonna Clap My Hands"*

Children's Message: *"The Big Picture"*

Joys & Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

Offering: *"Here's My Heart, Lord"*

LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD

Scripture Lesson: Jeremiah 30:1-3, 6-15

Message: *"Seeing as God Sees"*

Pastor Jim Penuel

GO FORTH IN GOD'S NAME

*Closing Song: *"Eye of the Storm"*

*Benediction

**Those who are able, please stand.*

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Bethel Website Resource Spotlight

Have you visited the church website recently? There are many resources to be found that you might find helpful, and we want to share them with you!

Today's resource spotlight is the Church Directory page. Would you like to find the contact information for a church member, change your existing information, or even request to be added to the Church directory? You can do so easily by using the Church Directory page on Bethel's website (bethellewes.org). Simply click the Information tab at the top, then click "Directory." There you can access the Directory log-in screen or find information about how to change/add your personal contact info. Once logged in, you'll be able to see photos, addresses, phone numbers, etc. for church members.

Be sure to check out other great website resources in the weeks to come!



Bethel Golf Outing - Final Event of the Season

Our final golf outing of the season will be Saturday, October 18th at the Rookery. We have six tee times reserved (up to 24 players) beginning at 2:00 p.m. at the twilight rate. For this event, we'll be hosting a Flag

Tournament for anyone who would like to participate. For those who prefer regular play, we'll still have plenty of spots available. A Flag Tournament (sometimes called a "last man standing" format) works like this: each player gets a set number of strokes based on their handicap and the course par. You play until you've used all your strokes, then place your flag where your final shot lands. The player who makes it the farthest wins. We'll have a few trophies for the winners of the tournament! Please let Ray know at ray@bethellewes.org if you plan to join or if you have any questions. Looking forward to a great final outing together!

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Love Offering: The October Love Offering will benefit Family Promise of Southern Delaware. FPSDE's mission is to help families experiencing homelessness and low-income families achieve sustainable independence through a community-based response. Family Promise

of Southern Delaware serves families of all compositions. 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.

No Nut Sale Fundraiser: Bethel Christian School will not have its annual nut sale fundraiser. Terri Lynn has gone out of business.



Save The Date: Elizabeth Circle is sponsoring "Parent's Night Out" December 13, 2025 from 4 - 7:30 pm for children ages 3 - 11. Please mark your calendar.

This gives parents time around the holidays. Stay tuned for sign-ups and more information!



Nancy Hecker's Address: Nancy has moved to Auldin Assisted Living. She would love to hear from her Church family. If you would like to send a card or note, please send to: Auldin Assisted Living, 503 Gunby Road, Salisbury, MD 21804.



The Rosebud on the Altar: The Rosebud on the Altar is in honor of Lily Josephine Caffrey, Daughter of Kelly Ann Caffrey. Lily Josephine Caffrey was born, May 9 2025 at Beebe Hospital, Lewes, DE. The Rosebud is given by Elizabeth Circle in Memory of the late Carolyn Garwood, who originally started the rosebud dedications.

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

Bethel Ministry Staff Contact Information

Jim Penuel, Senior Pastor
Earle Baker, Pastor of Visitation
Joyce Mentzer, Director of Music
Ray Davis, Youth & Family Director
Sandy Stough, Office Manager
Cindi Clavette, Treasurer
Laura Petranto, Financial Secretary
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Leaders for Today’s Service

Greeters:	8:00	Jean Maxwell
	9:15	Libby Gibson
	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
Liturgists:		Miguel Gomez & Ralph Scott; Assistants
	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: October 5, 2025: 313 (8:00-48; 9:15-171; 11:00-94)

Contributions for October 5, 2025

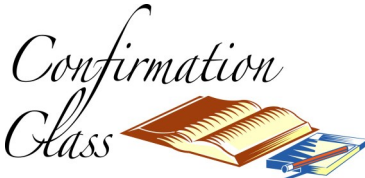
weekly deposit	\$ 22,426.27
weekly budget	\$ 16,461.43
YTD collection	\$ 618,838.56
YTD budget	\$ 658,457.20



To enroll, click on the “Giving” tab on the Church’s website.



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Confirmation Classes: Our first Confirmation class for the 2025/2026 school year will be on Sunday, October 19th from 5:00-6:00. Confirmation is open to all 7th grade or older students who have not yet been confirmed. In The United Methodist Church, Confirmation class is an educational process for young people who have been baptized as infants or children to publicly affirm their Christian faith and accept their baptismal covenant. In class we teach topics like the Bible, how to read Scripture, the meaning of sin and salvation, United Methodist history, and church organization. This class will take place in the Parsonage once a month (typically the 3rd Sunday of the month). Students attending are welcome and encouraged to stay for Fuel (our youth group) at 6:30. Please sign your student up by calling the office and letting Sandy know or by emailing Ray directly at ray@bethellewes.org.



Veteran’s Day Dedications: The Mary Martha Circle is again sponsoring a Veteran’s Day Dedication Booklet which will be included in the November 9th bulletin. Submissions can be made online or by filling out the Veteran’s Day Dedication forms found in your bulletin. You may also pick up forms in the church office. All requests must be received by no later than Monday, November 3rd. Please remember if paying by check it should be made payable to Bethel UMC. marking in the memo line Veteran’s Day. Proceeds from this fundraiser will be donated to US Kennels, Inc., who services vets throughout the Delmarva area. They provide trained service dogs, as well as supplies to our combat wounded veterans with various disabilities. All dogs are from animal rescue agencies and matched with vets at no cost to them. Your donation will be “Saving Vets One Paw at a Time.”

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The Fall Blood Drive: Hosted by Elizabeth Circle for the Blood Bank of Delmarva which will be held Tuesday, October 14th from 10am to 4pm in the fellowship hall. The donation site is up and running for you to register. A minimum age of 17 years and generally good health are all that is required to donate.

The blood supply continues to be low so we hope all healthy individuals will consider donating this gift of life.

Sign-up at: https://donate.bbd.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/10978

Any questions, please contact Marilyn Mead at marilynwm26@gmail.com

Hymn Series Featured Song: This morning's featured 'song from the storm' was written by American pastor and poet Rev. Dr. Joseph Gilmore, son of the governor of New Hampshire, in 1862. "He Leadeth Me" was birthed out of a particular struggle in American history - the Civil War, a time of upheaval and insecurity. Gilmore is quoted to have said this about the hymn's history: "As a young man who had recently graduated from Brown University and Newton Theological Institution, I was briefly supplying the pulpit of the First Baptist Church in Philadelphia. At their mid-week service—on the 26th of March, 1862—I set out to give the people an exposition of the twenty-third Psalm, which I had given before on three or four different occasions. But this time I did not get farther than the words, "He leadeth me"—those words took hold of me as they never had done before. I saw in them a significance and beauty of which I had never dreamed." It seems that in the darkest hour of the Civil War, Gilmore deeply felt the political and emotional tension around him. In a day when so many were calling out for others to follow their political ideologies, Gilmore's meditation on Psalm 23:2 led him to realize that, "It makes no difference how we are led, or whither we are led, so long as we are sure that God is leading us." After the service was over, Gilmore sat down and quickly wrote the hymn's lyrics as if by "divine guidance." Years later, after being set to music by William Bradbury, "He Leadeth Me" went on to be a beacon of light for countless souls who search for guidance in the midst of their darkest hours.

NOTE SHEET

Note Sheet

"Seeing As God Sees"

Jeremiah 32:1-3a, 6-15

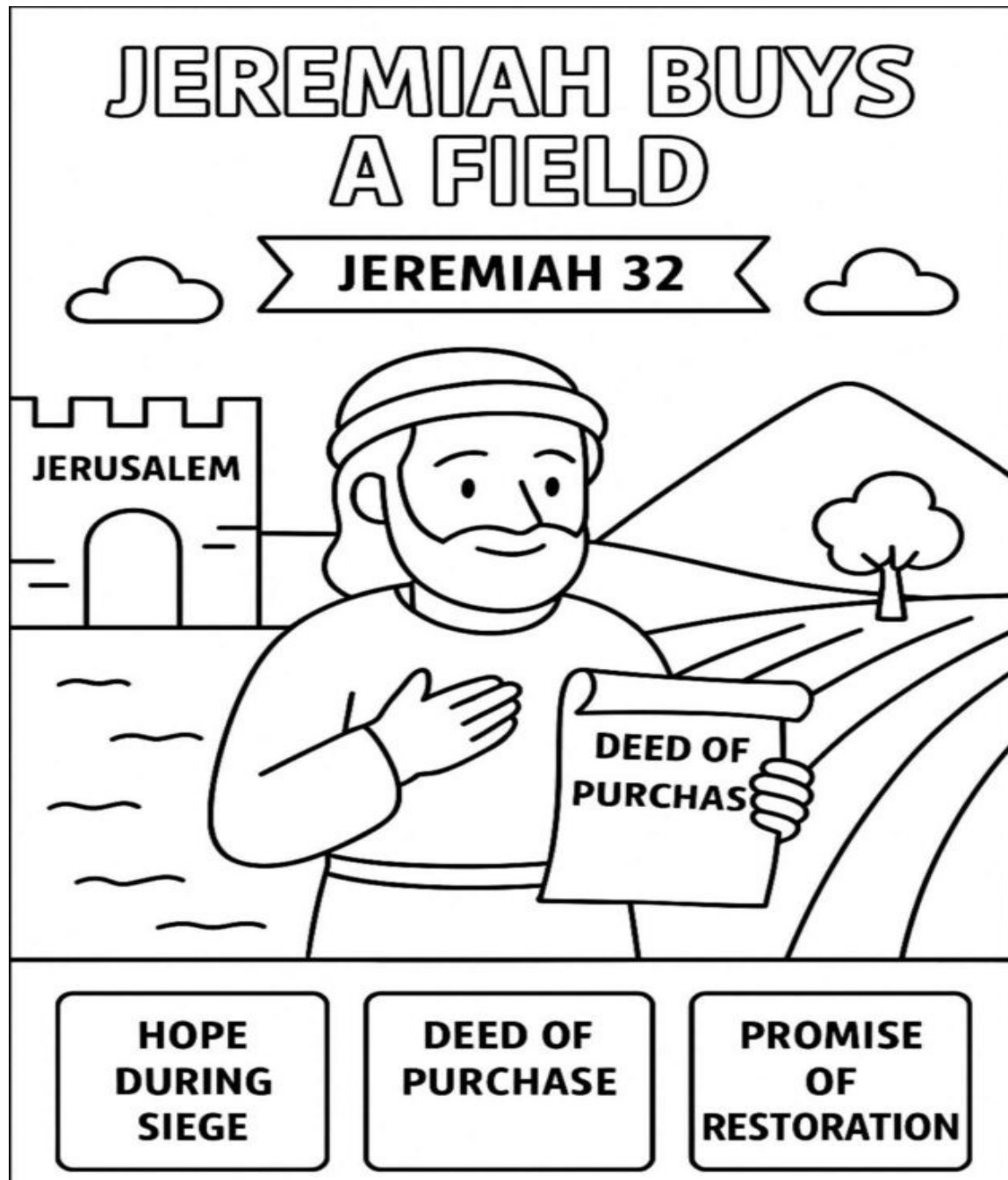
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1. _____ defines _____.
2. Our perceptions not only define our reality, but they also define our _____.
3. The Judean people could only see what was in front them. Jeremiah saw the _____.
4. Jeremiah trusted, even amid all the awful things they were going through, that God was going to bring _____ in the end.
5. God's _____ for our lives is bigger than anything we can yet imagine.
6. Let's have enough boldness and faith in the Lord, "To see as _____ sees."

Scripture reading for further reflection: Jeremiah 33:1-9, Isaiah 55, Isaiah 43:1-20.

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





Thank You To Pastor(s) Jim & Earle:

In God's perfect wisdom. He knew what to do.
 He sent us faithful pastor(s) with faith as their rock
 and a spirit so bright. They guide us in truth.
 Walking in his light.
 A Shepherd for their flock, so strong and true.
 They give of themselves in all that they do.
 For their devotion, we simply want to say
We are blessed by their service each and every day.
 We Appreciate You



Annual Church Conference: It's that time of year again! Bethel's annual church conference will be held on Wednesday October 15th at 6:30 pm here at Bethel UMC. It will be a cluster conference along with other sister churches. Church Conference will be presented by a worship style service. We hope you can attend! If you

would like church conference packet please email Sandy at office@bethellewes.org. and she will see that you get a copy. Hope to see you there! All are welcome to attend



New Member Class: Are you ready to take the next step on your faith journey? Pastor Jim will be hosting a new membership class on October 27th from 6pm - 8:30pm in our Parsonage Meeting House. Pizza will be provided for dinner. Anyone who is ready to join the church or is wanting to learn more about Bethel and its ministries is welcome to attend.

Please RSVP by emailing Pastor Jim at PastorJim@bethellewes.org.

Joann Merrick: Joann Merrick moved to 6945 Dogwood Dr. Seaford, DE 19973. She would appreciate cards and well-wishes.
 Thanks so much! Pastor Jim



OCTOBER IS PASTOR APPRECIATION MONTH

October is set aside as a time to show our Pastors our thanks and appreciation for all they do. This month is time to commit to praying for and encouraging Pastor Jim and Pastor Earle. As in the past, there will be a special box in the church entrance area outside Fellowship Hall for you to place your notes, cards and gifts. If you wish to make a financial gift to either pastor, you may give in cash or check (please make it out directly to the designated pastor). Online and text giving are allowable, but will be treated as income rather than simply a gift.

You may also mail items to the church at 129 W. Fourth Street, Lewes, DE 19958. If you prefer email, their addresses are:

Pastor Jim: pastorjim@bethellewes.org

Pastor Earle: enbaker54@gmail.com

Please take time to express your appreciation to our pastors for the leadership, care and service they provide to all of us at Bethel.

Bethel Staff Pastor Parish Relations Committee


Transforming Lives Through Giving

SHARE LOVE, *Share Hope*

Auction Fundraiser

Sat, November 1st
11:30 AM - 2:00 PM

FREE ADMISSION!

- Silent Auction (starts at 11:30 AM)
- Live Auction (starts at 1:00 PM)
- Food Available

Conley's Methodist Church
33106 Jolyns Way, Lewes



All proceeds support Camp Hope, a free-of-charge summer camp program for underprivileged children.





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ANNOUNCEMENTS



Bethel's 3rd Annual Trunk or Treat

Sunday October 26th from 4:30-5:30

Join Family Ministries and Sunday School Ministry for Bethel's 3rd Annual Trunk or Treat event on Sunday October 26th from 4:30-5:30. This event is free to our congregation and the public! We are looking for families and congregation members to decorate their vehicle trunks. We had so many creative themes last year from Disney, Fishers of Men, Shine for Jesus, Shark, Noah's Ark, Candyland, Sports themes and more! The possibilities are endless!

If you would like to set up an area for children to create a craft, that is welcome as well. Please contact Ray or Katie Davis to register; ray@bethellewes.org or kdavis4786@gmail.com

Birthday Cards for a Surprise 80th: Quite a few years ago, Jan LoBiondo attended Bethel regularly. Jan was a very active member of the Women's Ministry during her time with us. On October 16th, Jan will be celebrating her 80th birthday. I had an email from her daughter, Jen, asking for all who remember Jan to please send her a birthday card, the goal being to surprise Jan by flooding her mailbox with good wishes in celebration of this momentous birthday. For those wishing to participate in this SURPRISE, Jan's mailing address is: 10 Brunswick Lane, Lewes, DE 19958. And please remember this is a secret! of the best kind.

Thank you, Pauline Powell



Dining Out With Ocean Grill: Ocean Grill has a dine-to-donate program where Bethel UMC receives 10% of your sale to the church. All you need to do is simply mark on the top of your receipt Bethel UMC. The church will then receive a check for the total of the proceeds for the month.

Bethel's 3rd Annual

We are collecting donations for our Trunk or Treat!

Oct. 26th



4:30-5:30 pm
Bethel Parking Lot

10/12: Candy (All Kinds including allergy friendly)
10/19: Individual Snack Packs (Cookies, Chips, Goldfish, gummy snacks, etc.)

10/26: Small Toys
(Pop Its, Fidgets, Bracelets, Pencils)

A donation box will be available in the Upper Lobby to drop off your donations.