1 Thessalonians 1:1-10 NRSVUE

[1] Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy, To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: Grace to you and peace. [2] We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly [3] remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. [4] For we know, brothers and sisters beloved by God, that he has chosen you, [5] because our message of the gospel came to you not in word only but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction; just as you know what kind of persons we proved to be among you for your sake. [6] And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for in spite of persecution you received the word with joy from the Holy Spirit, [7] so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. [8] For the word of the Lord has sounded forth from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia but in every place your faith in God has become known, so that we have no need to speak about it. [9] For they report about us what kind of welcome we had among you and how you turned to God from idols to serve a living and true God [10] and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead—Jesus, who rescues us from the coming wrath.

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

October 18, 2026



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

October 18, 2026
8:00 & 11:00 a.m. Service

GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

Prelude (8): Gretta Wolter
(11): "*Trumpet Tune in G*" arr. Ryan
Bob Snyder, trumpet

Greeting & Announcements

*Call to Worship:

Leader:	Brothers and sisters, the love of God is poured over you.
People:	***We feel our thirsting souls quenched by God's mercy.***
Leader:	We are called to share God's love by our words.
People:	***We are invited to share God's love by our compassionate acts.***
Leader:	Come, let us worship the Lord!
People:	***Let us bow down and proclaim God's goodness. Amen.***

GIVE PRAISE TO GOD

*Opening Hymn: "*Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise*".....#103

Opening Prayer: ***Awesome God, help us to feel and see your presence in our lives. Enable us to listen clearly to your words of hope and comfort. Encourage us to go into your world serving others and bringing your message of mercy and healing. This we pray in Jesus' name, who taught us to pray...***

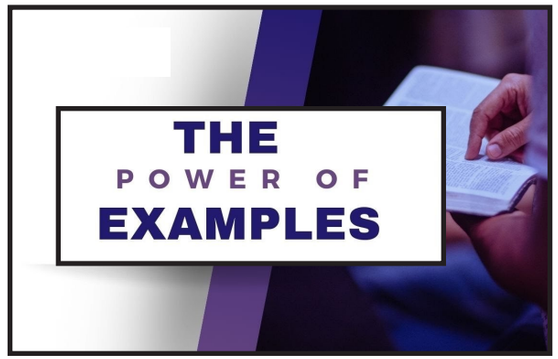
The Lord's Prayer: ***Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil,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

OCTOBER 18—OCTOBER 25

Sunday	8:00 a.m.	Traditional Worship Live - Sanctuary
	9:15 a.m.	Contemporary Worship -Come Alive Time - BFH
	9:30 a.m.	Sunday School - Various Rooms
	11:00 a.m.	Traditional Worship Live - Sanctuary
	5:00 p.m.	Fuel Meets for Worship Night - PMH
Monday		***Joyce Mentzer's Sabbath***
	6:00 p.m.	Church Conference - Israel UMC
	6:30 p.m.	The Book of Esther Bible Study - PMH
Tuesday	9:30 a.m.	Sue Sprague Bible Study - PMH
Wednesday	6:30 p.m.	Missions Team Meeting - PMH
Thursday	10:00 a.m.	Book of Acts Bible Study - PMH
	6:00 p.m.	Miracle Singers - BFH
	7:15 p.m.	Chancel Choir - Music Room
Friday		***Pastor Jim's Sabbath***
		Ray Davis's Sabbath
Saturday	2:00 p.m.	Coastal Concerts - BFH
Sunday	8:00 a.m.	Traditional Worship Live - Sanctuary
	9:15 a.m.	Contemporary Worship -Come Alive Time - BFH
	9:30 a.m.	Sunday School - Various Rooms
	11:00 a.m.	Traditional Worship Live - Sanctuary
	6:00 p.m.	Fuel - PMH

COASTAL CONCERTS
WORLD-CLASS CLASSICAL MUSIC

BFH - Bethel Fellowship Hall
PMH - Parsonage Meeting House



PRAYER LIST 10/18/2026

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

Rehabilitation: David Hurlock, Dick Plambeck, Paul Webb

Hospital: Rev. Johnathan Baker, John Horne, Trent Prechatka

Hospice: Norah Atkins, Rosemary Bouvier, Donald Dickey, Dorothy Donovan (Sister of Fred Gentry), Paulette Lazarro, ***Dr. Jim Marvel***, Mrs. Sample, Barbara Starkweather, Jim Willhite

General Concerns: Andy Baker, Mike Bakker, Bill, Donna Bowers, Catherine Brittingham, Patricia Bull (Sister of Frank), Sharon Cherry, Chris Clark, Brett Conaway, Daniel, ***Susan Davis***, Ruth Doughtery, Kim Edmonds, Tom Fincham (Brother of Nancy Logan), Bridget Fowler, Chandler Fox, Joan Fox, ***Bill Gaskill***, Lisa Gaskill, Fred Gentry, Bill Gibbons, Giovanna, Rev. Sterling Green, Jack Harrison, Jimmy Hastings, Rev. Vaughn Hayden, ***Hazel***, Connie Hearn, Jim Holt, Bob Hunsberger, Ida, Laura (Daughter of Marilyn Emanuel), Harry Marker & Family, Mason, Melody & Michelle, Ginny Mitchell, June Myers, Tammy Myers & Family, James O'Donovan, Brody O'Neill, Evie Orton, Pop Pop D, Margaret Quillen, Matt Shamanek, Steven, David Strow, Danny Summers, Debbie Summers, Helen Walter

Long Term: Ansalvish Family, Bryan Attix, Rev. Gloria Attix, Ruth Ann Baker, Ginny Barney, Wesley Beam, Mike Beaucheman, Dave Beddle, Nancy Bektolino, Daryl Bradley, Elaine Bramante, Inez Brengle, Dale Buckwalter, Dan Carrier, Liz Carrier, Janette Clavette, Victor Colon, Rev. Charles Covington, Jay Dentino, Bob Dickey, Jim & Marilyn Emanuel, Pat Emmett, Tom Engel, Olga Fitch, Frank Fitzgerald Sr, Carol Frampton, Michael Gallagher, ***Peggy Gastner***, Gayle Gibbons, Danny Gillespie, Hazel Gillespie, Jude Gray, George Hammond, Kelly Harp, Heather & Indy, Nancy Hecker, Jack Henriksen, Jim Hooban, David Jones, Erika Jones, Chubby Joseph, Deb Kellenbenz, Adam Kent, Faye Kintz, Norm Kugel, Janice Kulp, Donna LaValle, ***Nancy Logan***, Bill Lyons, Rob MacArthur, Patty Marvel, Medhi, Claranne Meitrott, Stephen Metler, Stephanie Miller, Rev. Charles Moyer, Nancy (Friend of Janine Phillips) Chuck Naspinsky, Ted Niemczyk, Ray Norris, Lori O'Day, Brian O'Dell, Mike O'Neill, Sallee O'Neill, Peter (Brother of Pauline Powell), ***Doug Peters***, Earl Peters, Dick Plambeck, ***Suzie Pryor*** (Niece of Elizabeth Fields), Ray Quillen, Beth Rampson, Beth Rinker, Carla Robinson, Martha Rougeux, Tom Schaich, Mary Louise Scott, John Schulze, Bill Seitz, Denny Shultz, Logan Smith, Tricia(Spangler)Gracey, Chet Sprague, Judy Stevenson, Bonnie Stevlingson, Margaret Stockslager, Dale Stough, Peggy Thomas, Dave Trout, Dawn Vandegrift, Kathy Watson, Kathy Wetherhold-Parrott, Hilda Williams, Trish Wilson, Woody Wilson, Theresa Wise, Lucretia Y., Marge Zayatz

Up Coming Procedures: Guinn Paxton

Recovering From Procedures: Greg Cobb, Ellie Colon, Libby Gibson, Cathy Gillen, Linda Gruchacz, Kenny Mahan, Joyce Mentzer, Carla Robinson, Dale Stough

Other:

- ***Those affected by hurricane Isaias.***
- Mother African Union Church North, Wilmington, DE sanctuary destroyed by fire
- The people of Iran and Venezuela.
- All those caring for family and friends, especially spouses and those that have lost a child.
- Delaware Firefighters, EMS, State Troopers & Local Police.
- For racial justice in the United States.

Sympathy to:

LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD

Joys & Concerns and Pastoral Prayer

God's Tithes and our Offerings

Offertory (8): Gretta Wolter
(11): "*Oh, How Wonderful Is the Lord*" by Althouse

*****Doxology:.....#95

Hymn of Preparation: "*Spirit of the Living God*".....#393

Scripture Lesson: 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

Message: "*The Power of Example*" Pastor Jim Penuel

GO FORTH IN GOD'S NAME

*****Closing Hymn: "*Where Charity and Love Prevail*".....#549

*****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.)

**Those who are able, please stand.*

The flowers on the altar are given to the Glory of God
in memory of Frank and Marianne Gastner
by Jim and Peggy Gastner

Hearing assistance devices are located at the sound booth.

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Come Alive Time WORSHIP

October 18, 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: *"Friend of God"*
Children's Message: *"What Others See"*
Joys & Concerns and Pastoral Prayer
Offering: *"In Christ Alone"*

LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD

Scripture Lesson: 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10
Message: *"The Power of Example"* Pastor Jim Penuel

GO FORTH IN GOD'S NAME

*Closing Song: *"I Will Follow"*

*Benediction & Final Blessing
Leader: As we depart, may the Peace of Christ be with you.
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(All are invited to pass the Peace of Christ to all as you exit.)

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Christmas Curiosity Shop: The Women's Ministry will be holding a Christmas Curiosity Shop on Saturday, November 7th, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. We invite you to begin setting aside your Christmas, holiday, and winter treasures to donate. Donations will be accepted every Sunday in October after the 8:00 a.m. and 9:15 a.m. services at the Parsonage Meeting House.
To help make this event a success, please limit donations to Christmas, holiday, and winter-themed items only. We are not able to accept books, kitchen supplies, home décor, electronics, or other items that are not holiday-related, as we did for our Summer yard sale.
Please do not donate electronics, furniture, clothing, or non-seasonal items.
If you have any questions, don't hesitate to get in touch with Janine Phillips at 610-905-6674 or Janinesphpath@gmail.com. Thank you for your generosity and support of the Women's Ministry!

Camp Hope & Nectar Café & Juice Bar Dine to Donate:
Friday, Oct 23rd. From 8:00am to 3:00pm
Location: 226 Main Street, Millsboro
No Coupon Needed!
Just mention you are there for Camp Hope & 20% of sales will be donated

Information Night Tuesday
November 10, 2026
6:30pm to 8:00pm
St Jude Parish
Life Center



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Bethel is preparing to restart its Stephen Ministry! Stephen Ministry is a world-wide, proven and effective way to organize, equip, and supervise a team of congregation members - called Stephen Ministers - to provide one-to-one, Christ-centered care to people who are experiencing life difficulties and transitions. For more information, please reach out to Cathy Iocona at cathyiocona@gmail.com or 609.618.2659.

Operation Christmas Child Boxes: The Missions team will be handing out the Operation Christmas Child Boxes today, Oct. 18th after all three services. We ask that when filling your box that you keep one gender per box. $10.00 must accompany each box for shipping. This payment can be done on line if you prefer. If making payment by check please make check payable to Samaritan's Purse. The boxes must be returned to Bethel on November 8th at one of the three services.

Bethel's Cluster Church Conference: Will take place at Israel UMC (20230 Plantation Rd, Lewes, DE 19958) on October 19th at 6:00pm. All church members are welcome to attend as we approve our reports and celebrate the missions and ministries of our churches in the last year. If you would like church conference packet please email Sandy at office@bethellewes.org. and she will see that you get a copy.



Eblast Information: If you are not receiving the eblast, please go to the church website under the information tab and go to the eblast link to sign up. Please do not change the preferred format. The preferred format must be HTML. If you are signed up for eblast but not receiving, please check your spam/junk mail.

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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Church Office Hours M-F 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. & 1:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m.

Leaders for Today's Service

Greeters:	8:00	Sandy Hunsicker
	9:15	Bob Dathe
	11:00	Ushers
Ushers:	8:00	Ernie Stanley, Head Usher Sandy Hunsicker, & Ron Smith Assistants
	9:15	Libby Gibson, Head Usher
	11:00	Joann Brittingham, Head Usher Jim Brown, Miguel Gomez, & Ralph Scott; Assistants
Liturgists:	8:00	Nancy Smith
	9:15	Ray Davis
	11:00	Joyce Snyder
Audio Visual Techs:		Ray Davis, Ed Emmett, Drew Fyock, Norm Macturk, Mauro Medeiros, Todd Mentzer, John Roman Nehrbas
Miracle Singers:	9:15	Kim Edmonds, Joyce Famelio, Cathy Ferree, John Harris, Patty Marvel, Bill Powell

Weekly Statistics

Attendance: October 11, 2026: 219 (8:00-46; 9:15-94; 11:00-79)

Contributions for October 11, 2026

weekly deposit	$ 14,413.70
weekly budget	$ 16,915.18
YTD collection	$ 755,969.03
YTD budget	$ 693,522.38

E-Giving

To enroll, click on the "Giving" tab 0n the Church's website.

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Love Offering: The October Love Offering will benefit Meals on Wheels. This charity brings warm meals and a friendly wellness check to senior citizens in our area, allowing them to live independently in their homes. 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.



Breakfast Bites: Breakfast Bites is looking for volunteers to help with setup and cleanup on Sunday Mornings at the 9:15am service. If you are interested in helping with this ministry please contact Pat Emmett at 215-776-5471 or by email at pemmett47@verizon.net.

Women's Ministry: Our next meeting will be Wednesday, October 21st • 10:30 AM, Parsonage Meeting House

Come join us as we begin a new season of Women's Ministry!

Bring a friend! If you've never joined us before, this is the perfect time to come and see what we're all about. We welcome new faces, new friendships, and new ideas!

Our mission is to provide support for women and children in need in Sussex County and abroad. Together, we hope to make a difference through fellowship, service, outreach, and faith.

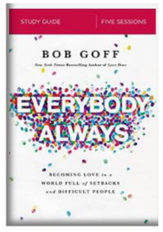
We'd love to have you join us! For questions, please reach out to Janine Phillips at 610-905-6674

Bethel UMC Men's Ministry Opportunities!

Are you looking for a way to deepen your faith and connect with other men from Bethel UMC? Two opportunities are offered each month to gather and grow:

Second Sunday of each month, 8:00-8:45am in the Parsonage Meeting House

- **Upcoming dates Oct. 11, Nov. 8, Dec. 13**

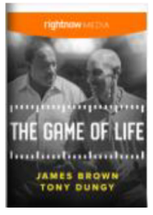


Everybody Always by Bob Goff

In Everybody, Always, Bob Goff's joyful New York Times bestselling follow-up to Love Does, you'll discover the secret to living without fear, constraint, or worry. Bob teaches you that the path toward the outsized, unfettered, liberated existence we all long for is found in one simple truth: love people, even the difficult ones, without distinction and without limits. Light reading – great discussion!

Fourth Wednesday evening of each month, 7:00-8:30pm at Barry Eaton's home

- **Upcoming dates September 23, October 28**



The Game of Life by Tony Dungy and James Brown

A NEW VIDEO SERIES BEGINS IN SEPTEMBER. If you haven't attended this Men's Group yet, the September meeting is a great time to come check it out. Format is fellowship time followed by a short video and discussion/application. Sportscaster James Brown and former NFL coach Tony Dungy explore how we can live for God and serve him well. God has a purpose for you – are you ready to get on the field?

All men of Bethel are invited and encouraged to join us. Even if you haven't been before, we welcome you to check out either/both gatherings. Light refreshments.

Please contact Barry Eaton at 1785eaton@gmail.com or Ray Davis at ray@bethellewes.org for more details.

NOTE SHEET

Note Sheet

The Power of Example

1st Thessalonians 1:1-10

10/18/26

1. Sharing our faith should be much more _____ than we might think.
2. People will want to know more about faith primarily by the _____ we set.
3. Paul tells us that Jesus walked in the way of _____, and so for us to be an example of Christ to the world, we must walk in the way of _____.
4. Being an example means that we must be the _____ of Christ to the world.
5. Because the church in Thessalonica has become "imitators of the Lord," they are serving as an _____ to the other churches around them.
6. We do the work of setting the example, and _____ does the rest.
7. You don't need to be "_____" to be an example of Christ.

Scripture reading for further reflection: Ephesians 5:1-2, John 3:16-17, 2nd Corinthians 2:12-17.

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

CHILDREN'S PAGE



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sandwich & Side for 18 for Tharros. Tharros is fully operational, with 18 residents. Bethel is one of several faith-based organizations that will be supplying a cold supper of a sandwich and a side for each resident. To sign up just go to bethellewes.org; click on the "Information" tab and select "Bethel Food Ministries" from the dropdown menu. Under the heading "Tharros Village – Sandwich and Side" there are instructions and a direct link to the *SignUp.com* signup page. Openings are available every Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday through November 28th.



Deliver sandwiches and sides to 18006 Coastal Highway, Lewes between 4pm and 6pm.

Gate is kept locked: Detailed instructions are below

Go to *SignUp.com* page. To view click on the words "Sandwich & Side for 18", under any of the dates.

Contact is Cathie Wagner ccwgr@aol.com.



Important Tharros Village Update for Volunteers Delivering Food

On the pedestrian entrance gate there is now a lockbox that contains a FOB. The FOB pad is beside the lockbox.

1. The lockbox code is 1225.
2. Put in code and switch black toggle to the left of the numbers.
3. Get FOB and use it with FOB pad to unlock gate.
4. When finished put FOB back into the lockbox and scramble numbers.

Any questions, contact Cathie Wagner ccwgr@aol.com

Thanks to all who are providing sandwiches and sides.

COASTAL CONCERTS
WORLD-CLASS CLASSICAL MUSIC

2026 – 2027 SEASON

AWADAGIN PRATT
Piano
October 24 | 2 p.m.

JI SU JUNG & TIMOTHY CHOOI
Marimba & Violin
November 21 | 2 p.m.

AMERICAN STRING QUARTET
Violins, Viola, Cello
January 23, 2027 | 2 p.m.

TRE VOCI
Flute, Violin, Harp
February 27, 2027 | 2 p.m.

ALKEMIE
Multi-Instruments & Vocalists
March 13, 2027 | 7 p.m.

BEIJING GUITAR DUO
Classical Guitars
April 17, 2027 | 7 p.m.

Tickets available now:
www.coastalconcerts.org

All performances held at Bethel Fellowship Hall, downtown Lewes.

A New Loyalty - 1st Thessalonians 1: 1-10

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love
followers
prayers
peace
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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

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Scam Email: Unfortunately, another wave of scam emails are being sent around in my name. Please know That the only email addresses I use are umcpastorjp@gmail.com and pastorjim@bethellewes.org. If any other address comes under my name it is not me. These are called email spoofs and there's no amount of password changing that can fix it unfortunately. People go on our website find my name, and then create a fake email account in order to scam people for gift cards and money. Please know that I would never ask any of you for gift cards or money at any time. Disregard and immediately delete any suspicious emails.
Thank you, Pastor Jim.

Dining Out With Midway Cafe: Midway Café at 18585 Coastal Hwy in Rehoboth has a dine-to-donate program where Bethel UMC receives 10% of your sale to the church. Any day, any time! All you need to do is simply mention Bethel UMC. The church will then receive a check for the total of the proceeds.



Blood Drive Thank You: Elizabeth Circle and on behalf of The Blood Bank of Delmarva. We would like to thank everyone who responded to the blood drive by showing up and donating or attempting to donate. They had a goal for us of 33 units. We had 37 persons register with 5 deferrals. Of those, 29 donated whole blood and 3 donated double red for a total of 35 units. So you pulled out a successful blood drive! These donations have the potential to help 105 persons in need of transfusions! We anticipate having another drive in April so watch for that to be announced. Thank you,
Marilyn

November 1, 2026



The Elizabeth Circle is sponsoring a FALL BAKE SALE
9:00 A.M. to 12:30 P.M.

Hello Bethel Community! It's that time again, when we all ask,

"Where can I get a good pie or wonderful dessert for my holiday gathering?"

Well, look no further. Look for us in the Bethel Lobby.

Proceeds to benefit **FAMILY PROMISE**.

The Elizabeth Circle Cookbook will also be available to purchase in addition to the baked goodies!

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Become Part of Our Church Family

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 28th 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.



Save The Date: Elizabeth Circle is sponsoring "Parent's Night Out" December 19, 2026

From 4 - 7:30 pm for children ages 3 – 11.
Please mark your calendar.

PARENT'S Night OUT!

This gives parents time around the holidays.
Parent's Night Out is in need of adult & teen volunteers. If you are interested in helping please contact Barbara Weidman at 301-758-3792 or email barbweidman@hotmail.com.

Altar Guild Update-Needs: Mary Lou Warren is the new co-chairman of the Altar Guild. She will be taking care of all dedications for this year and next.

If you would like to make new dedications or repeat from last year, please contact Mary Lou

302-381-9944 or 302-645-4575 or email at Marylouwarr@gmail.com

We are looking for 3 new altar committee volunteers. We need one that could do communion for two months for the 8am service and 2 volunteers for the 11am. We are looking for a man or woman or a couple that could serve on our Altar Committee. It involves taking charge for two months out of the year for communion and extra services.

Charlotte Bastian chairman 302-236-5684, charbastian@aol.com
Mary Lou Warren co-chairman 302-381-9944, Marylouwarr@gamail.com



Bethel's 4th Annual Trunk or Treat: Trunk Participants Needed!
Sunday, October 25 | 4:30-5:30 PM

Join Family Ministries and Sunday School Ministry for Bethel's 4th Annual Trunk or Treat! This fun, family-friendly event is free and open to our congregation and the public.

We are looking for families and congregation members who would like to decorate their vehicle trunks and pass out treats. Last year's creative themes included Disney, Fishers of Men, Shine for Jesus, Sharks, Noah's Ark, Candy-land, sports themes, and more! The possibilities are endless!

Want to add even more fun? You are welcome to set up a craft or activity station for children to enjoy.

If you would like to decorate a trunk, please contact Ray or Katie Davis to register:

- Ray: ray@bethellewes.org
- Katie: kdavis4786@gmail.com

Come join us for an afternoon of fun, fellowship, creativity, & lots of candy!

