

Jeremiah 29:1,4-7 NRSVUE

¹ These are the words of the letter that the prophet Jeremiah sent from Jerusalem to the remaining elders among the exiles and to the priests, the prophets, and all the people whom Nebuchadnezzar had taken into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon.

⁴ Thus says the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel, to all the exiles whom I have sent into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon: ⁵ Build houses and live in them; plant gardens and eat what they produce. ⁶ Take wives and have sons and daughters; take wives for your sons, and give your daughters in marriage, that they may bear sons and daughters; multiply there, and do not decrease. ⁷ But seek the welfare of the city where I have sent you into exile, and pray to the Lord on its behalf, for in its welfare you will find your welfare.

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

October 19, 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 19, 2025
8:00 & 11:00 a.m. Service

GATHER IN GOD’S NAME

Prelude: “Revive Us Again” arr. Choplin

Greeting & Announcements

*Call to Worship:

Leader: In the midst of your hectic week you have come to worship God.
People: *Our lives are pulled in so many directions, we seek God’s guidance.*
Leader: Let go of the burdens that weigh you down. God will take them.
People: *We thank God for the respite we are given.*
Leader: Tune your hearts and voices in praise to God.
People: *Let our voices bear the joy we feel because of God’s love for us. Amen.*

GIVE PRAISE TO GOD

*Opening Hymn: “God, Whose Love Is Reigning o’er Us”.....#100 UMH

Opening Prayer: *For the healing love you have offered to us; for the patience you have with us; for your presence that will never fail, we give you thanks, O Lord. Bring our hearts and spirits to you that we may grow in our faith and service to you by serving others. We ask this 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 19–OCTOBER 26

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

Monday *Joyce Mentzer’s Sabbath*

Tuesday 9:30 a.m. Sue Sprague Bible Study - Meeting Room
10:00 a.m. Galatians Bible Study - PMH
6:00 p.m. “J” Crew - Music Room
7:00 p.m. YM² - Music Room

Wednesday 6:00 p.m. King’s Kids - Music Room
6:30 p.m. Missions Team Meeting - PMH
7:00 p.m. First Towne Ringers - Music Room

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

Saturday 2:00 p.m. Coastal Concerts - BFH

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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

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
10/19/2025

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

Rehabilitation: Jack Henriksen, David Hurlock, Bobby Lane, Paul Webb

Hospital: Chuck Burton, Bill Dell, Susan French, Karen Kitchen, Dottie Mckain, Nancy,
Tucker & Parents

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

General Concerns: **Amelia**, Meg Anderson, Carolyn Arrell, Felena Bartlett, Marilyn Battiste,
Joann Brittingham, Paula Carridan, Tracy Carson, Clawson Family, Kathy Counts, Scott Dailey,
Bob Dathe, Pat Emmett, Sean Eviston, Lisa Gaskill, Jessi Ferree, Giovanna (Sister of
Mauro De Mederios), Miguel Gomez, Jessica, Kelly Jones, **Dionne Parker Keeler**, Kelsea,
Kelly Lahorcek, Ann Miller, Marjorie Mounts, Whitney Murray, **June Myers**, Kelly Pinsky,
Beth Rampson, Naomi Rickards, Janice Skok, Linda Sydell & Family, Jayne Tamborello,
Theresa Walls, Joan Webb

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 Lazzarro, 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 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, 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, Lucretia Y., Glenn Yetter, Marge Zayatz

Up Coming Procedures: **Rev. Gloria Attix**, **Paulette Lazzarro**

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

Other:

- 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.

Sympathy to:

- **Family & Friends of Missy Suprik, Neice of Jim & Dawn Vandegrift, who passed away.**
- **Family & Friends of Josiah Peace, who passed away Oct. 16th.**

LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD

Joys & Concerns and Pastoral Prayer

God's Tithes and our Offerings

Offertory: *"Blessed Assurance"* by Nix/Paine

Presented by (8) John Andolora, (11) Chancel Choir with Jim Satcher

See page 13 in your bulletin for the history of this "Song From the Storm".

*Doxology:.....#94 UMH

Hymn of Preparation: *"Eagle's Wings"*#143 UMH

Scripture Lesson: Jeremiah 29:1,4-7

Message *"Making Lemonade out of Lemons"* Pastor Jim Penuel

GO FORTH IN GOD'S NAME

*Closing Hymn: *"My Hope Is Built"*#368 UMH

*Benediction

*Postlude: *"Fairest Lord Jesus"* arr. Charter

**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 19, 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 Songs of Praise & Worship: *"King of Heaven"*
"King of My Heart"

Children's Message: *"Seizing the Opportunity"*

Joys & Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

Offering: *"Blessed Assurance"*
See page 13 in your bulletin for the history of this "Song From the Storm"

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Message *"Making Lemonade out of Lemons"* Pastor Jim Penuel

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*Closing Song: *"Living Hope"*

*Benediction
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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!



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 Veteran's Day in the memo line. 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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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.

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.

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

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

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.
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Or anytime after the services on YouTube

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Leaders for Today’s Service

Greeters:	8:00	Mauro de Medurces
	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	Phil Fields
	9:15	Ray Davis
	11:00	Joyce Snyder
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: 254 (8:00-40; 9:15-157; 11:00-57)

Contributions for October 5, 2025

weekly deposit	\$ 10,042.27
weekly budget	\$ 16,461.43
YTD collection	\$ 628,880.83
YTD budget	\$ 674,918.63



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

Calling All Bakers



Help support our Elizabeth Circle Bake Sale on Sunday, November 2, 2025.

This year our proceeds will go to help fund Family Promise. We will be selling pies, breads, cakes and cookies between the services beginning at 8:45 A.M.

If you are able to donate a baked item we would be most appreciative. *Please have it wrapped in 'see through' wrap or a zip bag.* All containers should be disposable.

Clearly mark each item and list any 'nut' content.

Cookies, brownies, candy, and muffins should be pre-packaged in single serve amounts (2 cookies/bag, 1 muffin/bag, etc.)

Cakes, breads & pies will be sold as 'whole items.

Please have items delivered to the Lobby by 8:30 A.M. or ASAP, the earlier the better. Any questions call or text to Deb Dickey @ (302)604-4117. Email: debs13corner@aol.com

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Hymn Series Featured Song: This morning's featured 'song from the storm' was written by the great American poet Frances Jane Crosby. Franny Crosby wrote over 6000 hymns in her lifetime, though there are likely many, many more that were written under pseudonyms. "Blessed Assurance," like so many other Franny Crosby hymns, speaks to the author's assurance in God's providence and care in all circumstances. This faith may not seem terribly unique, but when seen through the lens of Crosby's life, it is remarkable. Fanny Crosby was born in 1820 to John & Mercy Crosby from New York City and was their only child. When Franny was 6 weeks old, she was struck by an illness that left her blind. Just a few weeks later, Crosby's father died, leaving her to be cared for by her mother and grandmother. Despite the difficulties she faced, Franny was able to attend the New York Institution for the Blind and was considered to be highly intelligent. She began to write poetry at the age of six and her love for writing followed her throughout her life. She is quoted as saying, "It seemed intended by the blessed providence of God that I should be blind all my life, and I thank him for the dispensation. If perfect earthly sight were offered to me tomorrow I would not accept it. I might not have ever sung hymns to the praise of God if I had been distracted by the beautiful and interesting things about me...When I get to heaven, the first face that shall ever gladden my sight will be that of my Savior."

Fanny Crosby's faith in her savior gave her eyes that could see beyond the doubt and fear of this earthly realm to clearly understand God's love, providence, and care for her and for each of us. May it be that, when faced with adversity in our lives, we might be found singing with Fanny - "This is my story, this is my song: praising my Savior all the day long."

NOTE SHEET

Note Sheet

Making Lemonade out of Lemons

Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7

10/19/25

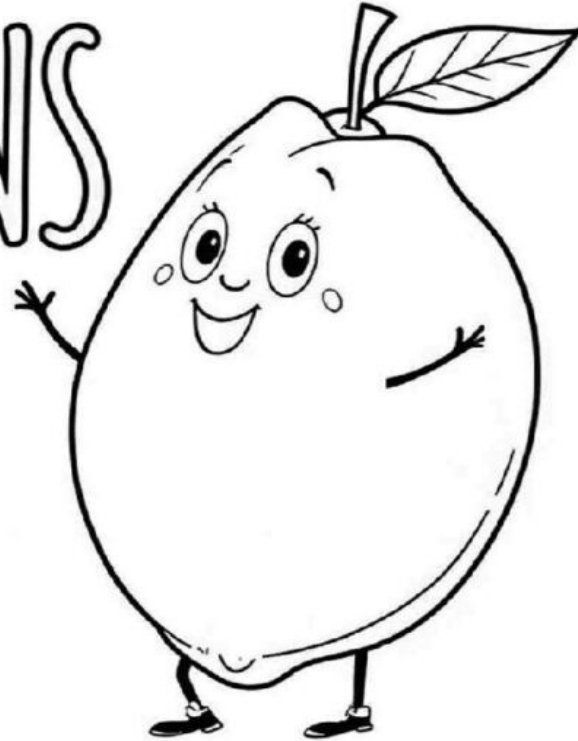
1. When life hands you _____ make _____."
2. It's amazing what can happen if we are willing to see the _____ in our _____.
3. God never promised us that life would be _____.
4. God can be worshiped _____!
5. God's plans are _____ than anything we can ever imagine.
6. success comes when we get _____ more times than when we fall _____.

Scripture reading for further reflection: Psalm 137, Matthew 5:43-48, Jeremiah 29 (whole chapter), Romans 6:15-23

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



WHEN LIFE GIVES YOU
LEMONS



MAKE
LEMONADE!

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



**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 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.

Save
the
Date

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.
Registration is now open!

PARENT'S
**Night
OUT!**



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



BLOOD DRIVE THANK YOU: Elizabeth Circle thanks all blood donors who donated at the Delmarva Blood Bank blood drive here at Bethel on Tuesday, October 14th. We had 43 check-in with 3 deferrals for 39 whole blood and 1 double red for a total of 41 units collected. This can help up to 123 people with life saving blood products! This is our best result yet! We are working to get our next Blood Drive here on Tuesday, March 10, 2026 and hope to have many return donors as well as additional ones. This is yet another way to serve others for Christ. Your participation is greatly appreciated.



Operation Christmas Child Boxes: The Missions team will be handing out the Operation Christmas Child Boxes next Sunday, Oct. 26th 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 16th at one of the three services.

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.