

Matthew 14:22-33 NRSVUE

²² Immediately he made the disciples get into a boat and go on ahead to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. ²³ And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, ²⁴ but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. ²⁵ And early in the morning he came walking toward them on the sea. ²⁶ But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, “It is a ghost!” And they cried out in fear. ²⁷ But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, “Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid.” ²⁸ Peter answered him, “Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water.” ²⁹ He said, “Come.” So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came toward Jesus. ³⁰ But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and, beginning to sink, he cried out, “Lord, save me!” ³¹ Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, “You of little faith, why did you doubt?” ³² When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. ³³ And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, “Truly you are the Son of God.”

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

November 16, 2025
Stewardship Emphasis Sunday



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

November 16, 2025
8:00 & 11:00 a.m. Service



GATHER IN GOD’S NAME

Prelude: “Largo” by Vivaldi

Greeting & Announcements

*Call to Worship:

Leader: Over the turbulent waves in our lives, Jesus calls us.
People: *We get so busy watching the waves, we block out Jesus’ call.*

Leader: Look again. Jesus is calling to you.

People: *Lord, help us hear your voice.*

Leader: Come, place your trust in Jesus.

People: *Lord, forgive our doubts, receive our lives. Amen.*

GIVE PRAISE TO GOD

*Opening Hymn: “I Know Whom I Have Believed”.....#714 UMH

Opening Prayer: *Lord, we come to you this day, seeking your healing and restoring love. Give us courage to reach out to you in the good and easy times as well as in the times of strain and stress. Help us to step out in faith in new ways. Open our hearts to receive your message of peace and hope. 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.*

NOVEMBER 16—NOVEMBER 23

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
	12:30 p.m.	Christmas Show Rehearsal - BFH
	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 - PMH
	6:00 p.m.	“J” Crew - Music Room
	7:00 p.m.	YM ² - Music Room

Wednesday	6:00 p.m.	King’s Kids - Music Room
	7:00 p.m.	Men’s Ministry Group - Barry Eaton’s Home
	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	11:30 a.m.	Celebration of Life for Barry Attix - Sanctuary
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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
11/16/2025

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

Rehabilitation: Janet Brittingham, David Hurlock, Bobby Lane, Barbara Plambeck, Paul Webb

Hospital: *JJ Cahill*, Tonia Clawson, Dottie Mckain, *Tucker & Parents*

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

General Concerns: Amelia, Meg Anderson, Andy Baker, Felena Bartlett, Marilyn Battiste, Joann Brittingham, Paula Carridan, Tracy Carson, *Clawson Family*, Kathy Counts, Kathy Crowley, Cathy Crown, Scott Dailey, Bob Dathe, Mauro De Medeiros, Pat Emmett, Sean Eviston, Jessi Ferree, Lisa Gaskill, Bill Gibbons, Giovanna (Sister of Mauro De Medeiros), Jessica, Kelly Jones, Kelsea, Kelly Lahorcek, Paulette Lazzarro, *Megan*, Ann Miller, Whitney Murray, June Myers, Mike and Sallee O'Neill, Kelly Pinsky, Beth Rampson, Naomi Rickards, Cindi Flahive-Sobel, Janice Skok, Linda Sydell & Family, Jayne Tamborello, Theresa Walls

Long Term: Ansavlish Family, Bryan Attix, Rev. Gloria Attix, Fran Baker, Matthew Baker, Ruth Ann Baker, Ginny Barney, Wesley Beam, Dave Beddle, Nancy Bektolino, Gavin Birl, Daryl Bradley, Inez Brengle, Liz Carrier, John Caycedo, Janette Clavette, Rev. Charles Covington, Bill Dell, Jay Dentino, Bob Dickey, Richard Dickey, Christine Drew, Bonnie Ekas, 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, Jack Henriksen, Connor Hiple, Jim Hooban, Kayla Hottinger, David Jones, Erika Jones, Chubby Joseph, Deb Kellenbenz, Adam Kent, Faye Kintz, Karen Kitchen, 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 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: Bobbie Flynn

Recovering From Procedures: Jean Cantrell, *Jodi Lane*, Tom Schiach

Other:

- The people affected by hurricane Melissa in Jamaica & other parts of the Caribbean.
- 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 Tucker Gregory Johns, who passed away unexpectedly on Oct. 28th
- Family & Friends of Frank Colon, brother of Lou & Ellie Colon, who passed Nov. 1st.
- Family & Friends of Chuck Burton, who passed Nov. 1st.
- Family & Friends of Susan French, sister of Ed Keefer, who passed on Oct. 31st.
- Family & Friends of Mama Szot, who passed away on Oct. 30th.
- Family & Friends of Patricia Goodwin, who passed away on Nov. 1st.

LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD

Joys & Concerns and Pastoral Prayer

God's Tithes and our Offerings

Offertory: "*All Will Be Well*" by Rodriguez

*Doxology:.....#94 UMH

Hymn of Preparation: "*Through It All*".....#507 UMH

*Gospel Lesson: Matthew 14:22-33

Message "Stepping Out In Faith" Pastor Jim Penuel

Reception of New Members

GO FORTH IN GOD'S NAME

*Closing Hymn: "*Love Lifted Me*".....bulletin, page 8

*Benediction

*Postlude: "*This Is My Father's World*" arr. Payne

**Those who are able, please stand.*

*The flowers on the altar are given to the Glory of God
In memory of Gini Sherman. Happy Birthday Mom.
Given by Alison and Keith Parsell*

Hearing assistance devices are located at the sound booth.

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Come Alive Time WORSHIP



November 16, 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: *"Worthy Of My Praise"*
"A Thousand Hallelujahs"

Children's Message: *"Faith in the Storms"*

Joys & Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

Offering: *"Way Maker"*

LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD

*Gospel Lesson: Matthew 14:22-33

Message *"Stepping Out In Faith"*

Pastor Jim Penuel

Reception of New Members

GO FORTH IN GOD'S NAME

*Closing Song: *"Oceans (Where Feet May Fail)"*

*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 Announcement Request Form. Does your ministry group need to announce an event or ask for help from the congregation? If so, rather than emailing all of the involved parties individually, you are encouraged to use the Announcement Request Form. This easy-to-fill-out form allows you to share all of your important information (including posters, graphics, bulletin inserts, etc.) all in one place! Once you've completed the form, the information will automatically be sent to the church office, pastor, social media people, etc. so that everyone involved will have the information necessary to appropriately advertise your event. You can access the Announcement Request Form on the church website (bethellewes.org). Simply click the Information tab at the top, then click "Forms & Sign-Ups" and scroll down to find the form. You can also request online sign-ups, newsletter advertisement, and e-blasts for your event on this form as well.

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



Elizabeth Circle Bake Sale Thank You:

Bethel's Elizabeth Circle wishes to thank our Bethel community for their donations of baked goodies and support of our bake sale this past Sunday. We were able to generate over \$700 to benefit Family Promise. You truly are a generous congregation!

Thanks also to everyone who helped sell on Sunday morning.
Many hands always make our work lighter!

GOD BLESS for the beginning of this holiday season.

Deb Dickey

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Love Offering: The November 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.



Operation Christmas Child Boxes Reminder: The Missions team handed out the Operation Christmas Child Boxes and 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 **Today** at one of the three services.

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!



Barry Attix’s Celebration of Life Service will be November 22nd at 11:30a.m. at Bethel with a reception immediately following the service.

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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Leaders for Today’s Service

Greeters:	8:00	Sandy Hunsicker
	9:15	Curtis Moomaw
	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	Mary Lou Warren
	9:15	Ray Davis
	11:00	Alison Parsell
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: November 9, 2025: 351 (8:00-71; 9:15-188; 11:00-92)

Contributions for November 9, 2025

weekly deposit	\$ 9,813.22
weekly budget	\$ 16,461.43
YTD collection	\$ 685,943.49
YTD budget	\$ 740,764.35



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



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Handel's Messiah Concert! Join the Southern Delaware Chorale and the Southern Delaware Orchestra for Handel’s Messiah, a beloved Christmas tradition celebrating faith and joy through music. The concert will be presented on Dec. 13 at 7 p.m. & Dec. 14 at 3 p.m. at Cape Henlopen High School in Lewes.

Visit southerndelawarechorale.org/tickets for tickets and details.



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.

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*Please Welcome Our
New Members To The
Bethel Family*

Martin & Jan Abbott

Kathy Bruno

James Davis

Paul & Sharon Hammesfahr

Cathy Iacona

Ryann & Gregory Mayer

Maria Royce

Cathy Seeber

Chet Sprague

John Young



NOTE SHEET

Note Sheet

“Stepping Out On Faith”

Matthew 14:22-33

11/16/25

1. _____ was the only one willing to get out of the boat!
2. And just like Peter, God can _____ us, even with all our shortcomings.
3. God doesn't call the _____, He _____ the called.”
4. We give to support the work we are called to do _____.
5. Matthew 17:20-21 reminds us, “For truly I tell you, if you have faith the size of a _____, you will say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there' and it will move, and nothing will be impossible for you.”

Scripture reading for further reflection: Matthew 16:13-20, Matthew 17:14-21

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



Stepping Out On Faith



CAPITAL RINGERS *presents*



Saturday, November 29

BETHEL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
129 WEST 4TH ST., LEWES

4
PM

\$20

GO TO CAPITALRINGERS.ORG FOR TICKET INFORMATION

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Advent Readers Needed: Pastor Jim is looking for Advent readers! We will need readers for our Nov. 30th (8:00,9:15 &11:00), Dec. 7th (8:00,9:15 &11:00), 14th (8:00,9:15 &11:00) & 21st (8:00,9:15 &11:00) services and for Christmas Eve at 3pm, 5pm, 7pm,& 11pm. Please email our office manager Sandy at office@bethellewes.org if you are interested in a reading. Readings will be given on a first come, first serve basis. Thank you!



Family Ministries Hanging of the Greens

On Friday, November 28th from 3:00-5:00 we will have the Hanging of the Greens event to decorate the church for the Advent/Christmas season! The decorations are well organized and have easy to follow instructions to make the job go

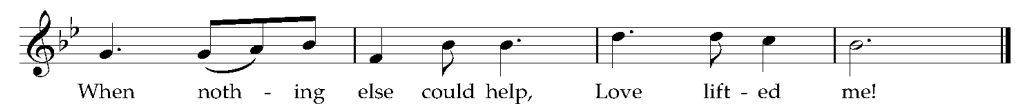
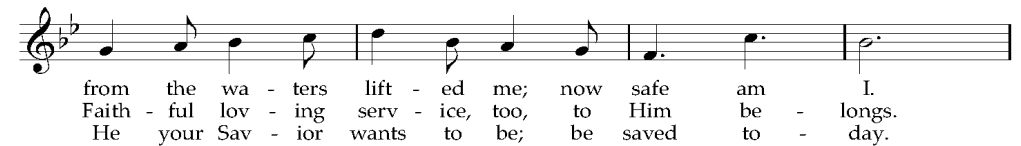
smoothly. Please email Ray to let him know if you will be attending or have any questions!



Advent Bible Study: This time of year, people often ask us, "What do you want for Christmas?" People often mean something material, but we need to think about this more deeply. What do we really want for Christmas? We will think about the blessings God provides us in the Advent/Christmas season. Please join me on Monday nights from 12/1 - 12/22 from 6:30pm - 8pm in the Parsonage meeting house. If you're interested in participating please email me at: pastorijm@bethellewes.org. This study will be provided in-person and via zoom. Please let me know your main preference (in-person or zoom) when you participate. The Book is called "What Do You Want For Christmas" by Rev. Dr. James Moore and can be found on amazon and other book-sellers.

HYMN PAGE

Love Lifted Me



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Sign Up to Donate Cookies for Bethel Annual Cookie Walk

Call for Homemade Cookies ♦ Cookie Walk December 6

The Mary Martha Circle is asking our church family to donate homemade Christmas cookies to be sold at the COOKIE WALK. Please fill out the form below and place it in the cookie box located in the lobby.

There is also an **online Cookie Walk form** if you would prefer to fill it out online.

Name: _____

Phone #: _____ Email: _____

Name of Cookie: _____

Contains Nuts – indicate kind: _____



Cookies can be delivered to the Bethel kitchen
The week of Monday 12/1 through Friday 12/5/25
from 8:30-3pm. Label with cookie name.

Questions?

- Carlene Spangler @ 302-945-5635; scspang@verizon.net
- Mary Hall, 302-584-4903; mary.hall34@verizon.net.

Frozen cookies can be layered with waxed or parchment paper to maintain your beautiful cookies. Thank you for helping us to make this a successful Cookie Walk! Happy Baking! Proceeds to benefit Youth, Families and the unsheltered. You will find your transport containers in the kitchen after the Cookie Walk.