November 8, 2026
Veteran's Day



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

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

GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

Prelude (8): *"Cantilena" arr. Lau*

Greeting & Announcements

*Call to Worship:

Leader: Make a joyful noise to the Lord.
People: ***Worship God with gladness.***
Leader: Come into God's presence with singing.
People: ***We are God's people, the sheep of God's pasture.***
Leader: Give thanks to the Lord; bless God's holy name,
People: ***for God's steadfast love is present now and endures forever.***

GIVE PRAISE TO GOD

Opening Hymn: *"I Love to Tell the Story"*.....#156

Opening Prayer: ***Tender, comforting Shepherd, your steadfast love is present in this place and resides within each of us. We sometimes feel like scattered sheep, frightened and alone. Help us know your loving presence as we live as your gathered community. Enlighten our hearts, that we may know the hope to which we have been called. 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.***

LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD

Joys & Concerns and Pastoral Prayer

God's Tithers and our Offerings
Offertory (8): "*Jesus, United by Thy Grace*" (stanzas 1,2,5,6) ..... #474
(11): "*Sing, Rejoice a Song of Praise*" by Mozart/Leavitt
*Doxology.....#95

Hymn of Preparation (11): *"Jesus, United by Thy Grace" (stanzas 1,2,5,6)*...#474

Scripture Lesson: Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24

Message: *"God Gives Us The Best"* Pastor Jim Penuel

GOD'S TOTHES AND OFFERINGS

*Closing Hymn: *"Here I Am Lord"*.....#593

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

*Postlude: "*Salute to the Armed Forces*"

The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God.

** Those who are able, please stand.*
Hearing assistance devices are located at the sound booth.

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Come Alive Time WORSHIP

November 8, 2026
9:15 a.m. Service

GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

Gathering *(Please watch the screen for upcoming events)*

Greeting & Opening Prayer

GIVE PRAISE TO GOD

"Opening Song of Praise & Worship: *"Rest On Us"*

Children's Message: *"God's extravagant love"*

Joys & Concerns and Pastoral Prayer

Offering: *"Bless God"*

LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD

Scripture Lesson: Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24

Message: *"God Gives Us The Best"* Pastor Jim Penuel

GO FORTH IN GOD'S NAME

*Closing Song: *"As For Me and My House"*

Salute to the Armed Forces
(Armed Forces members are invited to stand and be acknowledged as their service anthem is played)

*Benediction & Final Blessing

Leader: As we depart, may the peace of Christ be with you.
People:* *May the peace of Christ be with you.
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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

8:00 a.m. - Traditional Sunday Worship in the Sanctuary
9:15 a.m. - *Contemporary Worship in Fellowship Hall
11:00 a.m. - *Traditional Sunday Worship in the Sanctuary

**Livestreamed Services: 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.

BETHEL INFORMATION

Leaders for Today's Service

Greeters:	8:00	Bill & Nancy Collick
	9:15	Bill Gaskill
	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	Jim Vandegrift
	9:15	Ray Davis
	11:00	Marjorie Mounts
A/V Techs:		Ray Davis, Ed Emmett, Drew Fyock, Norm Macturk, Mauro Medeiros, Todd Mentzer, John Roman Nehrbas
Miracle Singers:		Kim Edmonds, Joyce Famelio, Cathy Ferree, John Harris, Patty Marvel, Bill Powell

Weekly Statistics

Attendance for November 8, 2026: 342 (8:00-50, 9:15-196, 11:00-96)

Contributions for November 8, 2026:

Weekly deposit:	$18,345.03
Weekly budget:	$16,915.18
Year-to-date offering:	$802,899.59
Year-to-date budget:	$744,267.92

ONLINE GIVING

If you'd like to enroll in Online Giving, log on to www.bethellewes.org and click the GIVING tab.

NOTE SHEET

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God Gives Us the Best

Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24

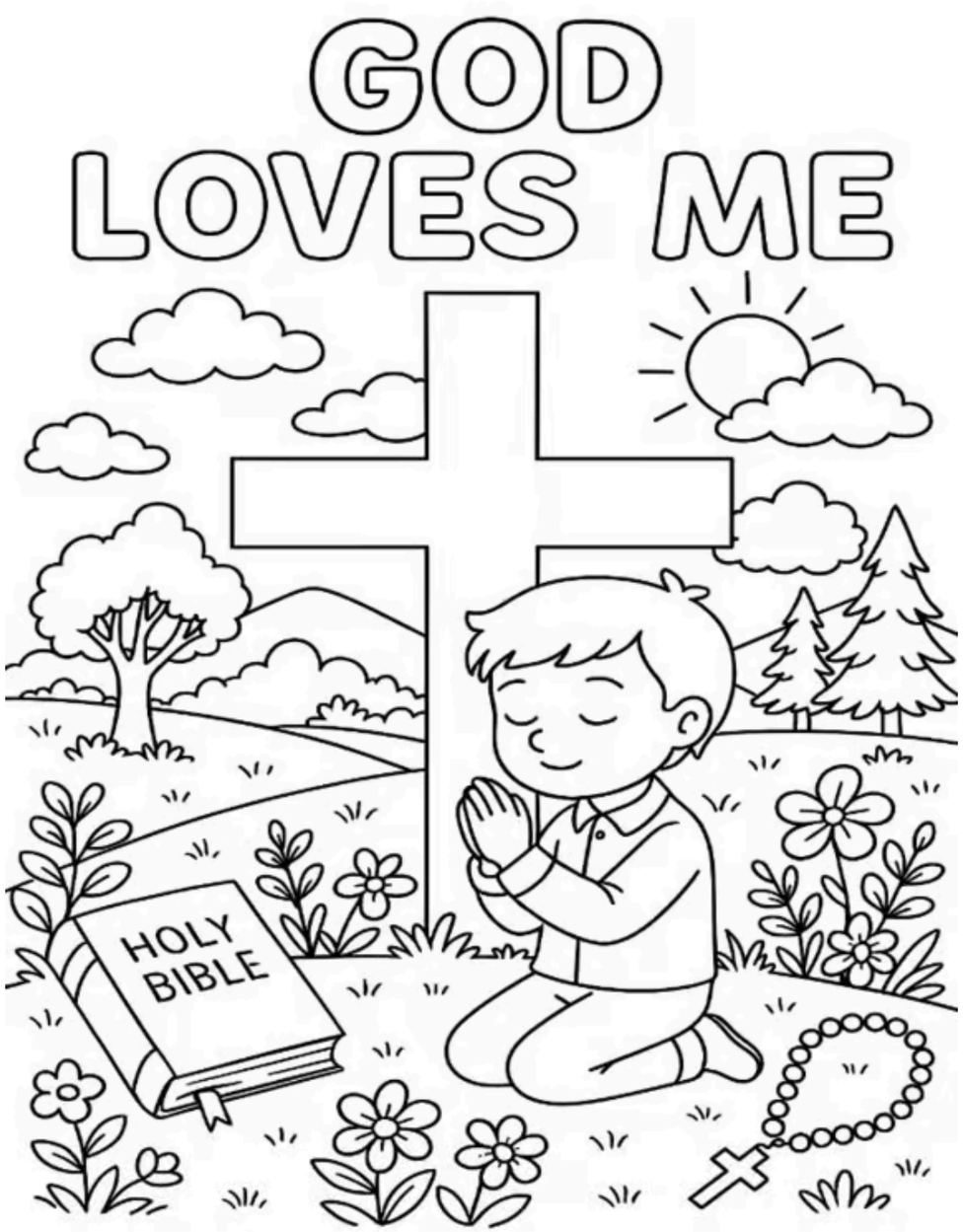
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1. From time to time, I think it's important for us to name the _____ God has given us.
2. When we intentionally name what we are thankful for, it changes our mindset from lamenting what we _____, to having _____ for what we have.
3. As Christians who read these words today, we see that the shepherd God sent to care for us and redeem us is _____.
4. Jesus is the ultimate proof that our God gives us the very _____.
5. God is made known to those who are hurting when we are moved by the Holy Spirit to be God's _____ and _____.

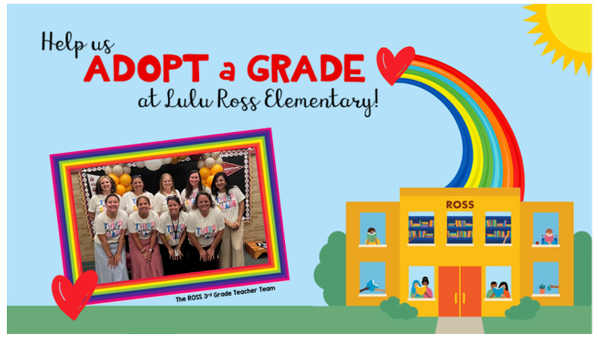
Scripture reading for further reflection: Psalm 23, John 10:1-18.

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

CHILDREN'S PAGE



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Help us Adopt-a-Grade at Ross Elementary: In response to the devastating fire at Lulu Ross Elementary School in Milford, Bethel is teaming up to "adopt" the 3rd Grade Team of Ross teachers, one of whom is our own Katie Davis. And YOU can help! Please bring in Amazon gift cards in increments of $25 (ie. $25, $50, $75, etc) so that they can be easily divided among the teachers. Simply place them in the designated box in the Lobby through the month of November (physical cards only - please no Ecards). Monetary donations can also be placed in the collection box (cash or check payable to BUMC, memo: ROSS) or by scanning the QR code below.

Your donations will help the nine 3rd grade teachers replace the storage items, flexible seating, decorations, manipulatives and other teaching materials that were destroyed...items that had been provided by the teachers themselves and won't be replaced by the school...items that are so critical to turning a classroom into a "home" that is a safe, warm, and welcoming place for children and teachers who need it now more than ever. Thank you in advance! Questions? Contact Todd or Joyce Mentzer.



Advent Readers Needed: Pastor Jim is looking for Advent readers! We will need readers for our Nov. 29th (8:00,9:15 &11:00), Dec. 6th (8:00,9:15 &11:00), 13th (8:00,9:15 &11:00) & 20th (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 served basis. Thank you

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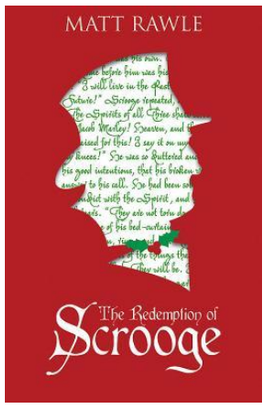
Thank You: Dear Bethel Family, words can't express how appreciative my family and I are for all of the cards, encouraging notes, gifts, and prayers we have received. It is truly a gift from God to serve such wonderful people. All of you are a HUGE blessing to us. Thank you again from the bottom of our hearts!

In gratitude Pastor Jim, Amber, Lily, and Lydia Penuel



Thank You: Lisa and I wish to thank the Bethel family for all the expressions of appreciation we received during Pastor Appreciation Month. We feel so blessed to be a part of such a loving and caring church. Each note, email, card, and gift has been a true blessing to us. Thank you for your kindness, friendship and fellowship.

Grace and peace, Earle & Lisa Baker



Advent Bible Study: Pastor Jim will offer a bible study during Advent entitled: "The Redemption of Scrooge" by Rev. Matt Rawle. What can we learn from the time honored classic "A Christmas Carol?" What do we learn about redemption and grace through the lens of this story and our scriptures? Please join us for a four week study on Monday nights starting on 11/30 at 6:30pm; in the Parsonage Meeting House. This will be a hybrid study and people can participate online. Please RSVP by emailing Pastor Jim at pastorjim@bethellewes.org.

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Love Offering: The November Love Offering will benefit Nanticoke Indian Association (NIA). NIA enhances and promotes the welfare of the Nanticoke Indian Community & raises awareness of American Indian cultures in rural areas. NIA aims to foster understanding, respect, & preservation of the Nanticoke Indian Tribe. 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 set-up and clean-up 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.

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 Today at one of the three services.

Charge Conference Thank You: A special thank you goes out to our office manager Sandy Stough, our committee chairs, and everyone who completed reports for church conference. Our conference was held on October 19th at Israel UMC and all reports passed. If you would like a copy of the church conference packet please contact Sandy in the church office.

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Bethel is preparing to re-start its Stephen Ministry!
Stephen Ministry is a world-wide, proven and effective way to organize, equip, provide supervise a team of congregation members, called Stephn 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.

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





Elizabeth Circle Bake Sale Thank You: A very big thank you to everyone who helped or baked or supported our sale. We sold everything and were able to donate $700.00 to Family Promise. We have a most generous church!

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.

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Sandwich & Side for 18 at Tharros Village:
Tharros Village, a community that provides temporary shelter and support for adults experiencing homelessness, is now fully operational with 18 residents! Bethel is one of several faith-based organizations that will be supplying a cold supper of a sandwich and side for each resident.

If you'd like to volunteer to provide meals, please follow these steps...

- Log on to www.bethellewes.org
- Click the "Information" tab and select "Bethel Food Ministries" from the drop down menu
- Under the heading "Tharros Village - Sandwich & Side" you'll find instructions and a direct link to the signup.com page. Openings are available every Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday through November 28th.
- Once you've signed up, plan to deliver meals to 18006 Coastal Highway, Lewes between 4 p.m. and 6 p.m. See specific delivery instructions below.

Delivery Instructions

1. Locate the lockbox at the pedestrian entrance gate
2. Open the lockbox using the code: 1225
3. Switch the black toggle to the left of the numbers
3. Take the access fob out of the lockbox and tap it on the scanning
   pad beside the lockbox to unlock the gate.
4. When you've finished your delivery, put the fob back into the lockbox and scramble the numbers.
5. Questions? Contact Cathie Wagner at ccwgr@aol.com

Thanks to all who are providing sandwiches and sides!



Sign Up to Donate Cookies for Bethel Annual Cookie Walk

Call for Homemade Cookies ♦ Cookie Walk December 5

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 11/30 through Friday 12/4/26 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 Pathways to Success & Camp Hope. You will find your transport containers in the kitchen after the Cookie Walk.

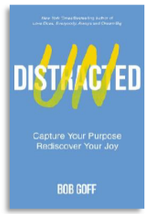


Bethel UMC Men's Ministry Opportunities!

Fall is the perfect time to gather and grow your faith and connect with other men from Bethel UMC. Two opportunities are offered each month:

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

Upcoming Dates November 15, December 13

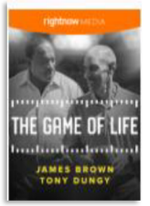


Undistracted by Bob Goff

NEW BOOK. Format is icebreakers followed by short video and discussion of book. The world has never been more distracting, and joy has never been more possible. Through the pithy and inspiring storytelling, Goff invites you to laugh with more gusto, dream with more confidence, and love with more intention in this disarming call to live Undistracted. Light reading – great discussion!

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

Upcoming Date November 25



The Game of Life by Tony Dungy and James Brown

NEW VIDEO SERIES. 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.

New request = ***Bold, italicized, and underlined***

PRAYER LIST

Rehabilitation: David Hurlock, Dick Plambeck, Paul Webb

Hospital: Rev. Johnathan Baker, John Horne, ***June Myers***, Trent Prechatka, ***Herschel Porter***

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

General Concerns: Andy Baker, Mike Bakker, Bill, Donna Bowers, Catherine Brittingham, Steve Bruno, 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, Fred Gentry, Bill Gibbons, Giovanna, Rev. Sterling Green, ***Jon Hallgren***, Jack Harrison, Jimmy Hastings, Rev. Vaughn Hayden, Hazel, Connie Hearn, Jim Holt, Bob Hunsberger, Ida, Marty Kellery, Laura (Daughter of Marilyn Emanuel), Harry Marker & Family, Mason, Melody & Michelle, Ginny Mitchell, Tammy Myers & Family, James O'Donovan, Brody O'Neill, Evie Orton, Pop Pop D, Margaret Quillen, Linda Riggleman, Matt Shamanek, Steven, David Strow, Danny Summers, Debbie Summers, Helen Walter

Long Term: Ezequiel Agoff, 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, ***Jean Cross***, 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, ***Lisa Temple***, 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: Kim Edmonds, Guinn Paxton, ***Dale Stough***

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

Other:
- ***University of Delaware & Newark community and victims of the mass shooting.***
- Lulu Ross Elementary students, staff, & families: Building destroyed by devasting fire.
- Those affected by the school shooting in Bend, Oregon.
- Those affected by hurricane Isaias.
- 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:
- ***Family & Friends of Paulette Lazzaro, who passed on Oct. 22nd. Service for Paulette will be November 14th at 11am at Bethel with a Reception immediately following the service.***

CALENDAR

November 9 - November 15

Sunday	8:00 a.m.	Traditional Worship - 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 - Sanctuary
Monday		***Joyce Mentzer's Sabbath***
	6:30 p.m.	The Book of Esther Bible Study - PMH
Tuesday	9:30 a.m.	Sue Sprague Bible Study - PMH
	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
Thursday	10:00 a.m.	Book of Acts Bible Study - PMH
	6:00 p.m.	Miracle Singers rehearsal - BFH
	7:15 p.m.	Chancel Choir rehearsal - Music Room
Friday		***Pastor Jim's Sabbath***
		Ray Davis's Sabbath
Saturday	10:00 a.m.	Visitation for Paulette Lazzaro - Sanctuary
	11:00 a.m.	Celebration of Life Service - Paulette Lazzaro
Sunday	8:00 a.m.	Traditional Worship - 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 - Sanctuary
	6:30 p.m.	Fuel - PMH

BFH = Bethel Fellowship Hall

PMH = Parsonage Meeting House

Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24 NRSVUE

11 For thus says the Lord God: I myself will search for my sheep and will sort
them out. 12 As shepherds sort out their flocks when they are among scattered
sheep, so I will sort out my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places to
which they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. 13 I will
bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries and bring
them into their own land, and I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by
the watercourses, and in all the inhabited parts of the land. 14 I will feed them
with good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel shall be their pasture;
there they shall lie down in good grazing land, and they shall feed on rich
pasture on the mountains of Israel. 15 I myself will be the shepherd of my
sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the Lord God. 16 I will seek the
lost, and I will bring back the strays, and I will bind up the injured, and I will
strengthen the weak, but the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them
with justice 20 Therefore, thus says the Lord God to them: I myself will judge
between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. 21 Because you pushed with flank
and shoulder and butted at all the weak animals with your horns until you
scattered them far and wide, 22 I will save my flock, and they shall no longer
be ravaged, and I will judge between sheep and sheep. 23 I will set up over
them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them; he shall feed
them and be their shepherd. 24 And I the Lord will be their God, and my
servant David shall be prince among them; I the Lord have spoken..

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