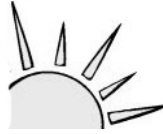


Worship

Come Alive Time



December 27, 2020
9:00 a.m. Service

GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

Gathering

Greeting and Announcements

GIVE PRAISE TO GOD

Opening Song of Praise: *"Glorious Night"*

Young Disciples Moment *"Receiving a Blessing"*

Joys & Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

God's Tithes and Our Offering: *"Christmas Alleluia"*

LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD

Gospel Lesson: *Luke 2:22-40*

Message: *"Blessings"* Pastor Penuel

GO FORTH IN GOD'S NAME

Closing Song: *"O Little Town of Bethlehem"*

Benediction

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GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

Greeting & Announcements

Prelude: *"God Rest You Merry Gentlemen"* arr. Hayes

GIVE PRAISE TO GOD

Call to Worship:

Leader: Praise be to God who has given God's light to us.

People: *Honor and praise to God for God's most precious gift.*

Leader: The darkness that enveloped the people,

People: *Has been pierced by the Light.*

Leader: Let us rejoice in God's blessed goodness!

People: *Let us continually praise God with great joy and thanksgiving. Amen.*

Opening Hymn: *"Angels From the Realms of Glory"*

Opening Prayer: *Lord of mercy and joy, You have given to us the blessing of your Son, Jesus, who will make known your presence, forgiveness, and love to each one of us. Be with us this day and keep our hearts and minds open to receive your love and peace. Enable each of us to be people of joy and hope as we encounter others. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.*

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 Tithes and our Offerings

Offertory: *"Gesu Bambino"* by Yon

Doxology

Gospel Lesson:

Luke 2:22-40

Message:

"Blessings"

Pastor Jim Penuel

GO FORTH IN GOD'S NAME

Closing Hymn: *"Go Tell It On the Mountain"*

Benediction

Postlude: *"It Came Upon A Midnight Clear"* arr. Young

Leaders for Today's Service

Liturgist:	9:00 & 11:00	Ray Davis
Audio Tech:	9:00 & 11:00	Todd Mentzer
Lights/Camera Tech:	9:00 & 11:00	Nicholas Mentzer
Video Tech:	9:00	Lauren Mentzer
Vocalists:	9:00 11:00	Bridget Knutsen Keith Parsell
Instrumentalists:	Guitar - Paul Faircloth Bass Guitar - Jim Penuel	Keyboard - Joyce Mentzer

Weekly Statistics

Attendance: December 20, 2020: 87 (9:00-54; 11:00-33) Avg. for 2019: 420

BETHEL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH PRAYER LIST 012/13/2020

Key: **Red type** indicates a request new this week
Green type indicates an answered prayer
Blue type is Covid-19 related

Hospice: Harold Landis

Hospital: Eluria Downs, Liz Hauschild, Bill Jackson, Rev. Charlie Kind, Lynn, Rob, Bellsie, Paula, Lon Solomon, Bernie Spangler

General Concerns: Katherine Beatty, John, Dee Becker, Kerrey Bradford, Shauna Brittingham, Debbie Brown, Donna Carr, Dave Condon, **Bruce Edmonds, Rex Edmonds**, Michael Emmett, Patricia Emmett, Beth Gastner, Peggy Gastner, Randy Haith, Pete Hescox, Mark & Connie Hetterich, Jim Hooban, Mary Lou Jackson, Eden Jenkins, Caddie Joseph, Bill Koontz, Norman Kugel, **Daniel Martin**, Veronica McKain, Jim McCarty, Janet McGinnis, Carroll Miller, Dave Parks, George Pepper, Pamela Potts, Pete Reed, Rob Ryan, Mary Schriber, Joe Seay, Kevin Short, Linda Shurkey, Patty Neimcyk-Smith, Bonnie Tedesco, Ashley Thibeault, Peggy Thomas, John Thompson, Jack Weeks, Tom Whittaker, Mason Vannucci, **Joe Zullo**

Up Coming Procedures: Jim Gastner, Jean Horn, Patty Jo Mock, Earl Peters

Recovering from Procedures: Sandy Bassett, Fred Campagnone, John Caycedo, Edith Cross, Elizabeth Fields, Bill Gaskill, Suzy Kremer, Paulette Lazzaro, Dottie McKain, Ron Mead, Ron Ritthaler, Dr. David Robinson, Stephanie Shuttleworth, Edie Sipos, Nancy Smith, Bob Wright

Covid-19 Related Requests: [Terri Carter, Myrna Chilese, Angie Colon, Vic & Marie Colon, Lorraine Layton, Will Leister](#)
[All staff and residents of Hospitals, nursing homes and continuing care communities](#)

Other:

People who are unemployed and under employed, and homeless families.
For racial justice in the United States.
For principled and just law enforcement personnel

Sympathy to:

The family and friends of those who have died locally, nationally, and globally to Covid-19

ANNOUNCEMENTS

A Note for the Trustees:

Dear Congregation,

During this pandemic, as always, the safety of our members has always been our #1 priority. It is with deepest regret that the Bethel Board of Trustees has decided that the Covid-19 pandemic in Delaware, and in particular, Sussex County, has reached a point we no longer think it is safe to have in-person worship. And, it has been brought to our attention that someone in worship has tested positive for COVID.

With these factors in mind, livestreaming services will continue to be provided and we hope you and your family can join us. We will continue to monitor the status of the outbreak and will reopen live services when it is safe and feasible for us to do so. The Trustees plan to meet on January 12 to reassess the future of in-person worship. The church will remain closed and we will do everything in our power to open in-person worship as soon as possible.

While we cannot spend time with you now, we look forward to worshipping with you in the future. May the love of God and the Joy of Jesus' birth be with you this season.

Blessings to you all,

Alison Parsell

& the Board of Trustees team

Coat & Hat Drive: Bethel Women's Ministry mission is to help women & children within our community. We will be collecting new coats & gloves for women and children from Dec. 15th through Jan. 1st. Tubs will be labeled & located in the back of Fellowship Hall for after worship drop-off of donations as well as at the back door of the Parsonage Meeting House. These items will be donated to Lighthouse For Broken Wings for homeless family's and others. Many thanks in advance to our church family. Any questions, contact Amy Chason. amychason@comcast.net.

No Bake Cookie Walk: We are overwhelmed with your generous response to the No Bake Cookie Walk 2020. With the weather turning cold and wet, we will be able to help house our local homeless families. Your gifts will have a big, big impact on how they make it through this winter. Our hearts are warmed by your generosity. Thank you so much, the Mary Martha Circle.

Meals for the Homeless: This year there are three venues sheltering the homeless: a day program at Community Resource Center and two Code Purple overnight shelters. From now until the end of March hundreds of meals are needed from organizations in this area. Bethel is one of many area organizations that has a history of supporting those without shelter. Our Missions' Team will be posting a signup sheet on the church's website the week of 12/14/20. In accordance with COVID-19 precautions meals have to be packaged in single serve containers. As of 12/14 there will be containers in the church kitchen for anyone who is making a meal for one of the venues. Also, look for an E-Blast coming soon with more information. If you have questions or need information, please contact Cathie Wagner at ccwgr@aol.com.

Prayer Shawl News: As many of you are aware our faithful leader for many years, Mary Graczyk, has decided to step down. She has assembled a great group of knitters and we will certainly miss her. The new co-chairs are Lynne Buckwalter and Sandy Hunsicker. Due to the pandemic we have not met since last March but the willing hands have continued knitting. We have prayer shawls available and would like to get them to persons in need. If you know of someone who needs a Prayer Shawl, please contact Lynne (645-4719) or Sandy (645-9583), with the persons permission, and we will see that they get one. Thank you for your assistance and may God keep you safe and healthy.

Are You in Need of Prayer? We know that prayer is an integral part of our faith journey, especially in these troubled times. So we are offering several ways in which you can share your prayer concerns with us:

- One-on-one prayer will be provided by Pastor Jim after the 9:00 a.m. in-person service. Simply remain in your seat at the close of the 9:00 a.m. service and after Pastor Jim greets everyone leaving he will come back in and pray for those who want one-on-one prayer.
- Virtual One-on-one Prayer will be offered immediately after the 11:00 livestreamed service via ZOOM. The ZOOM login information can be found on our website (bethellewes.org) by clicking on the Prayer tab at the top of the screen. Then click on the Virtual Prayer Zoom Link (at around 12:00) and wait in the 'virtual waiting room' and Pastor Jim will pray with each person individually.
- You can also share your prayer request or joy by clicking on the Prayer tab on our website and then clicking the Online Prayer Request link. The form will give you the option of sharing your concern with the congregation or keeping it private, shared only with our ministerial staff.

Upper Room: The Upper Room daily devotionals are still available each month! To have a copy mailed to you, please contact Sandy Stough in the church office, and indicate whether you want regular print or LARGE PRINT.

Call to Prayer for Racial Justice: Rev. Marjorie Belmont-Burns, Pastor of Faith & Israel United Methodist Churches invites you to join with them in silent prayer every Monday night-7:00 p.m.-7:09 p.m. now through December 28, 2020. (If you are unable to pray at that hour, please pick another time.)

Financial Support: Thank you for your weekly support. We thank everyone who has provided funds to keep Bethel's ministries going.

There are five ways you can get your gift to Bethel:

1. **Drop off your donation** through the mail slot in the front door of the Parsonage Meeting House at 130 W. Fourth St.
2. **Mail donations** to BUMC, 129 W. Fourth St., Lewes, DE.
3. **E-giving:** Go to Bethel's Website www.bethellewes.org and at the top right of the home page and click on the word, 'Giving.'
4. **Text Giving** is a new option for donations, using a cell phone or hand-held device. Call (302) 202-6625, text the word "GIVE"
5. **IRA Distribution.** Those who are over 70½, can donate part of their mandatory distribution to Bethel. Please speak to your financial advisor before doing this.



This Week's Schedule:

FH = Bethel Fellowship Hall PMH = Parsonage Meeting House

Sunday 9:00 a.m. Come Alive Time Contemporary Worship - LIVESTREAM
10:15 a.m. Sunday School 2.0 for Older Kids - ZOOM
11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship - LIVESTREAM
Any time Pajama Sunday School (YouTube - search "Bethel Lewes")

Monday *Joyce Mentzer's Sabbath*

Friday *Pastor Jim Penuel and Ray Davis' Sabbath*

Sunday 9:00 a.m. Come Alive Time Contemporary Worship - LIVESTREAM
10:15 a.m. Sunday School 2.0 for Older Kids - ZOOM
11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship - LIVESTREAM
Any time Pajama Sunday School (YouTube - search "Bethel Lewes")

Looking Ahead:

Sunday 9:00 a.m. In-Person Contemporary Worship - BFH
(tentatively starting 1/17/21)
11:00 a.m. In-Person Traditional Worship - Sanctuary
(tentatively starting 1/17/21)

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