

Matthew 17:1-9 NRSVUE

¹ Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. ² And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became bright as light. ³ Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. ⁴ Then Peter said to Jesus, “Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will set up three tents here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.” ⁵ While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and a voice from the cloud said, “This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!” ⁶ When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. ⁷ But Jesus came and touched them, saying, “Get up and do not be afraid.” ⁸ And when they raised their eyes, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone. ⁹ As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, “Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead.”

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

February 15, 2026
Transfiguration 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

February 15, 2026
8:00 & 11:00 a.m. Service

GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

Prelude: "When Morning Gilds the Skies" arr. Barnby

Greeting & Announcements

*Call to Worship:

- Leader: As God called to Moses from the mountain,
People: we are called to be God's people.
- Leader: As Jesus called the disciples to climb with him to the peak of another mountain,
People: we are called to follow wherever he leads.
- Leader: As the disciples stood in awe at the sound of God's voice,
People: we are called to worship in wonder and praise.

GIVE PRAISE TO GOD

*Opening Hymn: "Jesus Shall Reign".....#157 UMH

Opening Prayer: *Holy One, Light of light, God of all creation, long ago you showed yourself to the disciples in Jesus' transfiguration— his face glowing like a field of daffodils on a bright, spring morning. Shine in us, around us, and through us, that the world may see your glory in the faces of your people— faces transfigured in the light of your love. 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.*

FEBRUARY 15—FEBRUARY 22

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
Office Closed-Presidents' Day*

Tuesday 9:30 a.m. Sue Sprague Bible Study - PMH
 1:00 p.m. Cookbook Committee Meeting - Meeting room
 6:00 p.m. "J" Crew - Music Room
 7:00 p.m. YM² - Music Room

Wednesday 7:00 p.m. Ash Wednesday Service - Sanctuary

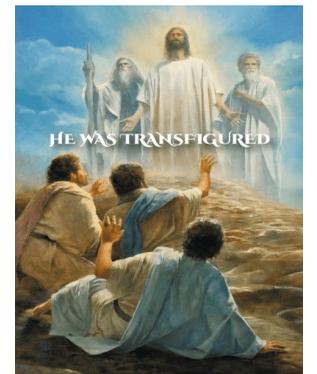
Thursday 10:00 a.m. The Gospel of Matthew Bible Study - PMH
 6:00 p.m. Miracle Singers - BFH
 6:00 p.m. Finance Meeting - PMH
 6:30 p.m. Missions Team Meeting - Meeting Room
 7:15 p.m. Chancel Choir - Music Room

Friday *Pastor Jim's Sabbath
Ray Davis's Sabbath*

Sunday 8:00 a.m. Traditional Worship Live - Sanctuary
 9:15 a.m. Contemporary Worship -Come Alive Time - 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 2/15/2026

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

Rehabilitation: David Hurlock, Bobby Lane, Paul Webb

Hospital: Dwayne Henry, Dottie Mckain

Hospice: Gary Arrell, Norah Atkins, Rosemary Bouvier, Jim Kardas, Brenda Keith, Sharon Messinger, Mrs. Sample, Jim Willhite

General Concerns: Meg Anderson, Andy Baker, **Pastor Earle Baker**, Marilyn Battiste, **Billie Ann Buckaloo**, Bryce, **Archer Caim**, Donna Carr, Paula Carridan, Tracy Carson, John & Linda Catanzaro, **Christina**, Danielle Cook, Joelle Criswell, Kathy Crowley, Cathy Crown, Scott Dailey, Jessi Ferree, **Bobbie Flynn**, Bridget Fowler, Bill Gibbons, Giovanna (Sister of Mauro De Medeiros), Howard Family, **Raven Hudson**, Ida (Sister in-Law of Tina Eaton), Jessica, Kelly Jones, Kelsea, Kelly Lahorcek, Al Lopez, Paige Lucas, Lucca, Pat McMillen, Ann Miller, **Whitney Murray**, June Myers, Jennifer Nobles, Xavier Nobles, Kelly Pinsky, Beth Rampson, Naomi Rickards, Cindi Flahive-Sobel, Danny & Debbie Summers, Linda Sydell & Family, **Marshall Trigg**, **Marshall Trigg, Jr.**

Long Term: Ansalvish Family, Bryan Attix, Rev. Gloria Attix, Fran Baker, Matthew Baker, Ruth Ann Baker, Ginny Barney, Wesley Beam, Dave Beddle, Nancy Bektolino, Betty, Gavin Birl, Daryl Bradley, Inez Brengle, Dale Buckwalter, Liz Carrier, John Caycedo, Janette Clavette, Clawson Family, Victor Colon, Rev. Charles Covington, Bill Dell, Jay Dentino, Bob Dickey, Richard Dickey, Bonnie Ekas, **Jim Emanuel**, Marilyn Emanuel, Pat Emmett, Trish Emmett, Tom Engel, Susie Eveland, Olga Fitch, Frank Fitzgerald Sr, **Michael Gallagher**, **Peggy Gastner**, Gayle Gibbons, Danny Gillespie, Hazel Gillespie, **Junie Grant**, Jude Gray, Alex Grove, George Hammond, **Jack Harrison**, Kelly Harp, Heather & Indy, Nancy Hecker, Lou Henderson, Sharon Henderson, Jack Henriksen, Jim Hooban, Kayla Hottinger, David Jones, Erika Jones, Chubby Joseph, Deb Kellenbenz, Adam Kent, Faye Kintz, 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, Medhi, Claranne Meitrott, Stephen Metler, Marsha Miller, Stephanie Miller, Rev. Charles Moyer, Chuck Naspinsky, Curt & Melinda Newsome, Ted Niemczyk, Lori O'Day, Brian O'Dell, Mike O'Neill, Thom Pemberton, George Pepper, **Peter (Brother of Pauline Powell)**, Earl Peters, Jodi Potter, Steve Rellihan, Beth Rinker, Carla Robinson, Tom Schaich, Mary Louise Scott, John Schulze, **Joe Seay**, Bill Seitz, Logan Smith, Tricia(Spangler)Gracey, Chet Sprague, Judy Stevenson, Bonnie Stevlingson, Margaret Stockslager, Dale Stough, James Taylor, Bonnie Tedesco, Peggy Thomas, Dave Trout, Bob Turcovski, Dawn Vandegrift, Michael Walker, Wanda, Kathy Watson, Kathy Wetherhold-Parrott, **Helen Walter**, Hilda Williams, Trish Wilson, Woody Wilson, Theresa Wise, Jim & Jolie Woodward, Lucretia Y., Glenn Yetter, Marge Zayatz

Up Coming Procedures: Marjorie Mounts

Recovering From Procedures: **Donna LaValle**, **Ginny Mitchell**

Other:

- The people of Iran and Venezuela.
- The ongoing Situation in Minneapolis.
- 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 Betty Sheats, who passed away Feb. 11th. Service for Betty will be February 20th at 12pm at Bethel with a visitation one hour prior.**
- Family & Friends of Nancy Kushela, mother of Karen Mcilvane who passed away.

LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD

Joys & Concerns and Pastoral Prayer

God's Tithes and our Offerings

Offertory: *"Shine, Jesus, Shine!"* arr. Schrader

*Doxology:.....#94 UMH

Hymn of Preparation: *"O Word of God Incarnate"*#598 UMH

*Gospel Lesson: Matthew 17:1-9

Message *"We All Shine On"* Pastor Jim Penuel

GO FORTH IN GOD'S NAME

*Closing Hymn: *"O Wondrous Sight! O Vision Fair"*.....See Insert

*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 during the Postlude)

*Postlude: *"Voluntary on 'For the Beauty of the Earth'"* by Kidwell

**Those who are able, please stand.*

The flowers on the altar are given to the Glory of God

Hearing assistance devices are located at the sound booth.

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Worship

Come Alive Time



February 15, 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 Songs of Praise & Worship: *“Open the Eyes of My Heart, Lord”*
“Same Power”

Children’s Message: *“How To Shine”*

Joys & Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

Offering: *“For the Sake of the World”*

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ANNOUNCEMENTS



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

FOR BOTH CODE PURPLE @THE CAPE SHELTERS

Shelter Season is Mon Dec 1, 2025 – Sat Mar 15, 2026



This vital resource is dependent on volunteers as Code Purple @ the Cape is a 100% volunteer run.

Both of their emergency winter shelters, at St Jude the Apostle and the Lutheran Church of Our Savior, are open every night from December 1st until March 15th.

Volunteer spots include overnight Hosts, intake Assistants & bus Drivers.

They serve single adult men and women. Provided services include a hot meal, a warm, safe and secure bed, weather appropriate clothing, and hygiene. Each guest is uniquely homeless...each vulnerable...each one matters!

To view the descriptions and dates open for each job on their *SignUp.com* page just copy and paste this address into your browser:

<https://signup.com/go/xeVKqQw>

If you have questions about volunteering email Mike Agnew at codepurple@stjudelewes.org

Thank you



Love Inc-Code Purple Shelters:

Our friends at Love INC could also use some helping hands at the *Georgetown* and *Milford* Code Purple shelters. They’re looking for overnight volunteers!

If you’re able to serve, you can sign up at:

<https://40484.people.myamplify.io/external/form/807a9e0b-3191-48c1-bc4c-f6864db51097> Thank You!!

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Shower the Babies with Love...Again!

Reminder: Next Sunday (February 22) is the final day for donating items or monetary gifts for Community Resource Center's Baby Pantry. Any questions, call Barb Shelton (302-430-1894) or

email barbshelton47@comcast.net). Women's Ministry greatly appreciates your generosity!



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.



Women's Ministry Bible Study: Women's Ministry will be offering a Bible Study based on Ruth. The bible study will run March 2nd thru April 20th (Off for Easter) from 6:30 to 8p in the Parsonage Meeting House. The cost of the book is \$22.00 and the deadline to have Women's Ministry order is February 16th. Registration will be open until March 1st. Books after February 16th will have to be purchased on your own. Look forward to seeing you!

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.
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Church Livestream Watch Online Sundays @ 9:15 or 11:00
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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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Leaders for Today's Service

Greeters:	8:00	Mauro de Medeiros
	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	Jim Vandegrift
	9:15	Ray Davis
	11:00	Alison Parsell
Audio Visual Techs:		Ray Davis, Ed Emmett, Norm Macturk, Mauro Medeiros, Todd Mentzer, John Roman Nehrbus
Miracle Singers:	9:15	Kim Edmonds, Cathy Ferree, John Harris, Faye Kintz, Patty Marvel, Bill Powell

Weekly Statistics

Attendance: February 8, 2026: 265 (8:00-37; 9:15-157; 11:00-71)

Contributions for February 8, 2026

weekly deposit	\$ 20,245.23
weekly budget	\$ 16,915.18
YTD collection	\$ 99,667.04
YTD budget	\$ 101,491.08



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



FOOD
MINISTRY

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.



Love Offering: The February Love Offering will benefit Camp Pecometh. Camp Pecometh mission is to provide sanctuary for Christian hospitality and programming that promote God-inspired, life-changing experiences through camp and retreat ministries. 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.

Lenten Cantata Rehearsals Start Soon! Our Lenten Cantata, "Who Is This King?" by Larson/Martin, will be presented on Good Friday, April 3 at 7:00 pm. Rehearsals will be starting soon! If you are interested in joining with the Chancel Choir to sing this musical re-telling of the ministry and final days of Jesus' life, please contact Joyce Mentzer for more information.

Save the New Date!

Missions First Annual

Opportunity to Serve Fair & Chili Tasting



Sunday, March 15, 2026

4 to 5:30pm in Fellowship Hall



Our commitment to the Methodist faith calls for our “prayers, presence, gifts, service and witness.” To help us meet that commitment several non-profit organizations are coming to the Fair so they can explain their mission and the work that must be completed to achieve that mission. It is an opportunity to understand the purpose of the organization and to volunteer for a single day or on an ongoing basis.

In addition, existing Bethel groups will be present to share their opportunities to volunteer. The Fair gives everyone an opportunity to volunteer for an existing church activity or project well as reach beyond the walls of the church.

To entice you to come, attendees will have an opportunity to taste different chili recipes. Chili makers are asked to contribute a crockpot of their favorite chili. So that the Missions Team can prepare, please email George Phillips (retiredman2017@gmail.com) to let him know you want to share your great chili with others. Please include your recipe in the email so the Team can make copies to share with everyone attending the Fair.

The Missions Team looks forward to seeing you at the Fair. Thank You!

Note Sheet

We All Shine On

Matthew 17:1-9

2/15/26

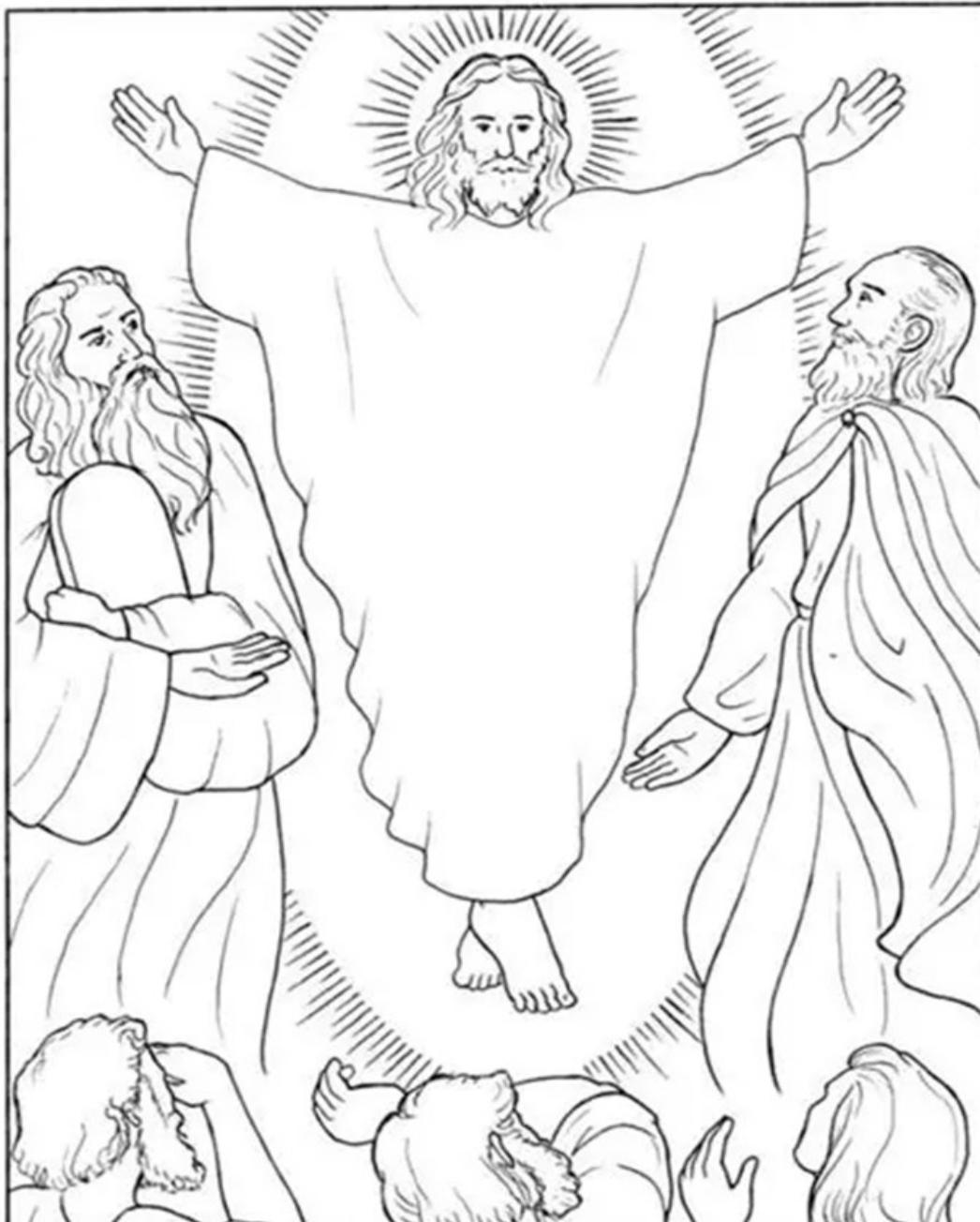
1. Philippians 2: 5-7, “Let the same _____ be in you that was in _____, who, though he existed in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be grasped, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, assuming human likeness. And being found in appearance as a human, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death – even death on a cross.”
2. Christianos, _____
3. Matthew 18:3-5, “Truly I tell you, unless you change and become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. Whoever becomes _____ like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven. Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me.”
4. Jesus gave himself up, so that we can _____.
5. Jesus revealed his _____ to us, so that we can reveal his _____ to the world.
6. Being faithful in our encounters with God helps us _____ too.
7. Matthew 5:16, “In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good _____ and give glory to your Father in heaven.”

Scripture reading for further reflection: Philippians 2:1-11, Matthew 20:20-28, Matthew 18:1-5, Matthew 5:13-16

Note: You may access the Digital Sermon Note Page

by scanning the QR Code





Our Bethel Cookbook is in need of recipes

The Bethel Cookbook is returning after 15 years! **Recipes urgently needed for the cookbook!** All categories are welcome! Recipe submissions will be accepted now until Feb. 22nd. Forms are available in the lobby and attached to the e-blast. Please place in basket or send by email to kimmalta3@gmail.com. Sponsored by the Elizabeth Circle.



Ash Wednesday Service: Please join us on February 18th at 7pm for an Ash Wednesday service in the sanctuary. It will be a time of reflection, prayer, communion, and an imposition of the ashes to prepare ourselves to observe a Holy lent. The service will also be live-streamed.



Youth Sunday Combined Service - March 1

Save the date for the COMBINED service on Sunday, March 1, 2026 at 10:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Bethel's youth will be presenting their annual youth-led service which will feature music, drama, a message, and more that will be sure to inspire. The theme of the day is "FEAR<LESS" and the service will focus on "God's strength in our weakness, God's calm in our storms". Please plan to attend! A traditional 8:00 service will also be available that morning.



Elizabeth Circle's Spring Blood Drive for the Blood Bank of Delmarva will be held Tuesday, March 10 from 10am to 4pm in the Fellowship Hall. The donation site is open for you to sign up. Anyone in generally good health and over 17 years of age may register. There is a high demand for lifesaving blood

donations. Use this link for easy signup:
https://donate.bbd.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/11428
 Any questions, please contact Marilyn Mead at marilynwm26@gmail.com