

## Matthew 21:12-17 NRSV

<sup>12</sup> Then Jesus entered the temple and drove out all who were selling and buying in the temple, and he overturned the tables of the money-changers and the seats of those who sold doves. <sup>13</sup> He said to them, ‘It is written, “My house shall be called a house of prayer”; but you are making it a den of robbers.’ <sup>14</sup> The blind and the lame came to him in the temple, and he cured them. <sup>15</sup> But when the chief priests and the scribes saw the amazing things that he did, and heard the children crying out in the temple, ‘Hosanna to the Son of David’, they became angry <sup>16</sup> and said to him, ‘Do you hear what these are saying?’ Jesus said to them, ‘Yes; have you never read, “Out of the mouths of infants and nursing babies you have prepared praise for yourself”?’ <sup>17</sup> He left them, went out of the city to Bethany, and spent the night there.

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

February 18, 2024  
1st Sunday of Lent



*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 18, 2024  
8:00 & 11:00 a.m. Service

## GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

Prelude: "Beneath the Cross of Jesus" by Thygeron

Greeting & Announcements

\*Call to worship:

Leader: Come now, let us reason together, says the Lord: though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be like snow.

People: **Though they are red like crimson, they shall become like wool.**

Leader: Come, let us walk in the light of the Lord!

People: **That he may teach us His ways and that we may walk in his paths.**

## GIVE PRAISE TO GOD

\*Opening Hymn: "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name" (stanzas 1-4).....#155 UMH

Opening Prayer: *O Lord our God, teach us to walk in your ways, that we may live in the Spirit and be mindful of all that Jesus endured and sacrificed for our sakes, and how he was made perfect through sufferings. Help us to keep the fast that you have chosen, that we may loose the bonds of wickedness, undo the heavy burdens, and let the oppressed go free; through the grace of Christ Jesus our crucified and risen Savior, 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 18—FEBRUARY 25

**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

**Monday** **Joyce Mentzer's Sabbath**  
**Church Office Closed for President's Day**



**Tuesday** 10:00 a.m. Lenten Bible Study - PMH  
6:00 p.m. "J" Crew - Music Room  
6:30 p.m. Bible Study-Todd Shultz - Meeting Room  
7:15 p.m. YM2 - Music Room

**Wednesday** 6:00 p.m. Missions Team Meeting - Meeting Room  
6:00 p.m. Kings Kids - Music Room  
7:15 p.m. First Towne Ringers - Music Room

**Thursday** 1:00 p.m. Kay Poole Bible Study - PMH  
6:00 p.m. Miracle Singers - BFH  
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 - BFH  
9:30 a.m. Sunday School - Various Rooms  
11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship Live - Sanctuary  
1:00 p.m. Grief Share - PMH  
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  
2/18/2024

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

**Rehabilitation:** Bob Ackerman, Frances Baker, Bonnie Parker, Carla Robinson

**Hospital:**

**Hospice:** Sharon Messinger, Diana Riley, Mrs. Sample

**General Concerns:** Susan Allen, Barbara Arzinger, Pastor Earle Baker, Diaz Bonville,  
Viola Cleo Bradshaw, Inez Brengle, Char Coons, Sharon Dawson, Dave Elliott, Kathy Engel,  
Mark Henze, Caddie & Chubby Joseph, Bill Meyer, Shana Molnar, Penny Shockley,  
Bonnie Stevlingson, Jayne Tamburello

**Long Term:** Bryan Attix, Rev. Gloria Attix, Fran Baker, Ruth Ann Baker, Ginny Barney,  
Wesley Beam, Gavin Birl, Kim Book, Thelma Brown, Sam Chason, John Caycedo,  
Rev. Charles Covington, Robert Davis, Jay Dentino, Christine Drew, Marilyn Emmanuel,  
Trish Emmett, Susie Eveland, Connie Fisher, Frank Fitzgerald Sr, Gayle Gibbons,  
Hazel Gillespie, Junie Grant, Deborah Griggs, Alex Grove, Nancy Hecker, Sharon Henderson,  
Jim Hooban, Kayla Hottinger, Aubrey Hudson, Donna Smith Hurst, Chubby Joseph, Adam Kent,  
Faye Kintz, Steve Kremer, Kathy Krole, Norm Kugel, Sue Kugel, Janice Kulp, Paulette Lazarro,  
Legates Family, Bill Lyons, Madison MacElrevey, Dr. Jim Marvel, Janet McGinnis,  
Claranne Meitrott, Kathy Miller, Marsha Miller, Bob Monti, Joan Moore, Ted Niemczyk,  
Lori O'Day, George Pepper, Jodi Potter, Beth Rinker, Celeste Ryan, Ed Sales, Tom Schaich,  
Joe Seay, Bill Seitz, Dale Stough, Bonnie Tedesco, Peggy Thomas, Dave Trout,  
Dawn Vandegrift, Anita Walker, Michael Walker, Elwood Webb, Hilda Williams, Theresa Wise,  
Glenn Yetter, Marge Zayatz

**Up Coming Procedures:**

**Recovering From Procedures:** Stuart Bruce, Marilyn Emanuel

**Other:**

- All those caring for family and friends, especially spouses.
- Innocent Israeli and Palestinian victims suffering in the war with Hamas.
- Delaware Firefighters, EMS, and State Troopers.
- People of the Ukraine, Turkey, and Syria.
- People who are unemployed and under employed, and homeless families.
- For racial justice in the United States.

**Sympathy to:**

- Family & Friends of Todd Miller, nephew of Roy and Diane Miller, who passed away.
- Family & Friends of Joe Lobiondo, husband of Jan who passed away this week. Sending love and sympathy to go out to the family. Cards may be sent to Jan at 10 Brunswick Lane, Lewes, DE 19958.
- Family & Friends of James Grant, Father of Sarah Reinhold, who passed away.

**LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD**

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Joys & Concerns and Pastoral Prayer

God's Tithes and our Offerings

Offertory: 8:00 - *"In the Cross of Christ I Glory"* arr. Lau  
11:00 - *"Create In Me A Clean Heart"* by Carter

\*Doxology:.....#94 UMH

Hymn of Preparation: *"Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive"*.....#290 UMH

\*Gospel Lesson: Matthew 21:12-17

Message: "A Change is Coming" Pastor Jim Penuel

**GO FORTH IN GOD'S NAME**

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\*Closing Hymn: *"I Stand Amazed in the Presence"*.....#371 UMH

\*Benediction

\*Postlude (11): *"Fugue in C Minor"* by Bach

*\*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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# Come Alive Time WORSHIP

February 18, 2024  
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: *"Praise Is Rising - Hosanna"*  
*"Joyful, Joyful"*

Ministry of Music by the King's Kids: *"Love One Another"*

Children's Message *"A House of Prayer"*

Joys & Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

Blessing of the Offering

Offering: *"Living Waters"*

## LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD

\*Gospel Lesson: *Matthew 21:12-17*

Message *"A Change is Coming"* *Pastor Jim Penuel*

## GO FORTH IN GOD'S NAME

\*Closing Song: *"Heart of Worship"*

\*Benediction

*\*Those who are able, please stand.*

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS



### *A Journey from Mourning to Joy*

**13 Weeks**

**Bible Based Support Group**

Sundays • February 25, 2024—June 9, 2024

1:00 - 3:00 pm

Bethel Parsonage Meeting House

**Leaders: Lillian Ayers/Linda Corcoran/Bobbie Flynn**

**302-245-4863\*302-245-3266\*610-405-1211**

If you, or someone you know is grieving,  
Please refer them to Grief Share Website

Note: There will be no meetings on : 3/24, 3/31, 5/12, & 5/26/2024

**Confidential sign up available online**

**GoTo: <http://griefshare.org>**

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS



**Love Offering:** The February Love Offering will benefit Clothing Our Kids. The love offering will support children of Sussex County. Clothing Our Kids mission is to improve the lives of at risk elementary school children by providing them with appropriate school clothing. Love Offerings may be given throughout the month in the “designated” plates found at the back of Fellowship Hall and 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 in memo love offering.

**MIRIAM'S TABLE**  
**BEACH BINGO**  
 Feb. 24th, 2024 4PM - 7PM  
**\$25**  
 10 rounds of BINGO,  
 Food, Prizes & Silent auction  
 St. Jude's Parish Life Center, Lewes, DE

For tickets search Beach Bingo on Eventbrite.com, or call Susie Keefer at 814-673-4148

## 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](http://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.  
 Traditional Sunday Worship in the Sanctuary, 11:00 a.m.  
 Church Livestream Watch Online Sundays @ 9:15 or 11:00  
 Or anytime after the services on YouTube

### Bethel Ministry Staff Contact Information

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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	Paul & Patty Kase
	9:15	Kevin White
	11:00	DeeDee & Randy Bies
Ushers:	8:00	Ernie Stanley, Head Usher; Ron Smith Assistant
	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	Bud Frampton
Audio Visual Techs:	8:00	Joan Williamson
	9:15	Todd Mentzer, Ethan Curry, Ed Emmett
	11:00	Todd Mentzer, Ray Davis
Miracle Singers:	9:15	Lisa Baker, Kim Book, Kim Edmonds, Cathy Ferree, Elizabeth Grove-Fields, John Harris, Faye Kintz, Patty Marvel, Bill Powell
Instrumentalists		Drums - John Andalora
		Guitar - Paul Faircloth
		Keyboard - Joyce Mentzer

## Weekly Statistics

Attendance: February 11, 2024: 340 ( 8:00-45; 9:15-181; 11:00-114)  
 Ash Wednesday February 14, 2024: 107

Contributions for February 11, 2024	weekly deposit	\$ 10,967.05
	weekly budget	\$ 15,487.83
	YTD collection	\$ 136,912.19
	YTD budget	\$ 108,414.81



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



Youth Sunday Combined Service  
 March 3 at 10:30

## Save the Date for Youth Sunday 2024!

Be sure to mark your calendars for a COMBINED Youth Sunday Service on March 3rd at 10:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Bethel's Youth will be leading worship based on the theme, "Stories: How His Story Changes Our Stories," and will present music, drama, a message, and more

that highlight how the stories that Jesus told and the story that He lived can change our stories and draw us closer to Him. An 8:00 traditional service will also be held that morning in the Sanctuary.



**A note of thanks to my church family:** I would like to offer my sincere gratitude to all who made my 25th anniversary as Bethel's Director of Music Ministries such a special day. What a wonderful gift you gave me! May God bless each one of you for your thoughtfulness.

With love and gratitude,  
 Joyce Mentzer



**Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser:** Lewes Presbyterian Church is Hosting A Dinner To Raise Funds To Support Family Promise Of Southern Delaware & Shepherd's Office To Assist The Homeless. Saturday, March 9, 2024 from 4p.m.-7p.m. Cost: Donation  
 Location: Lewes Presbyterian Church Fellowship Hall  
 133 Kings Highway, Lewes, DE



## ANNOUNCEMENTS



### **Bethel Food Ministries 2024**

Two local shelter programs for the homeless are in need of hot meals. Anyone interested in providing food can access the sign-up sheets for both programs by following these steps:

Go to: [www.bethellewes.org](http://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 each of the three 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.

Contact for both the Code Purple Shelter at St. Jude's and the CRC midday meal is Cathie Wagner at [ccwgr@aol.com](mailto:ccwgr@aol.com)



### **Gift Cards for A Sheltering Heart at Red Mill Inn:**

Each room has a crockpot. Clients give Toni their shopping lists and she purchases the ingredients. They each make their own dinner. Providing Giant or Acme gift cards for \$25 is a great help.

No sign up is needed. Just mail the cards to the address below.

**Do not bring the cards to the Red Mill Inn** as there isn't anyone there assigned to receive them. Mail Gift cards to: Toni Short

Lighthouse for Broken Wings

179 Rehoboth Avenue, Unit #123, Rehoboth Beach, DE 19971

Include a note that they are for: A SHELTERING HEART CROCK POT MEALS

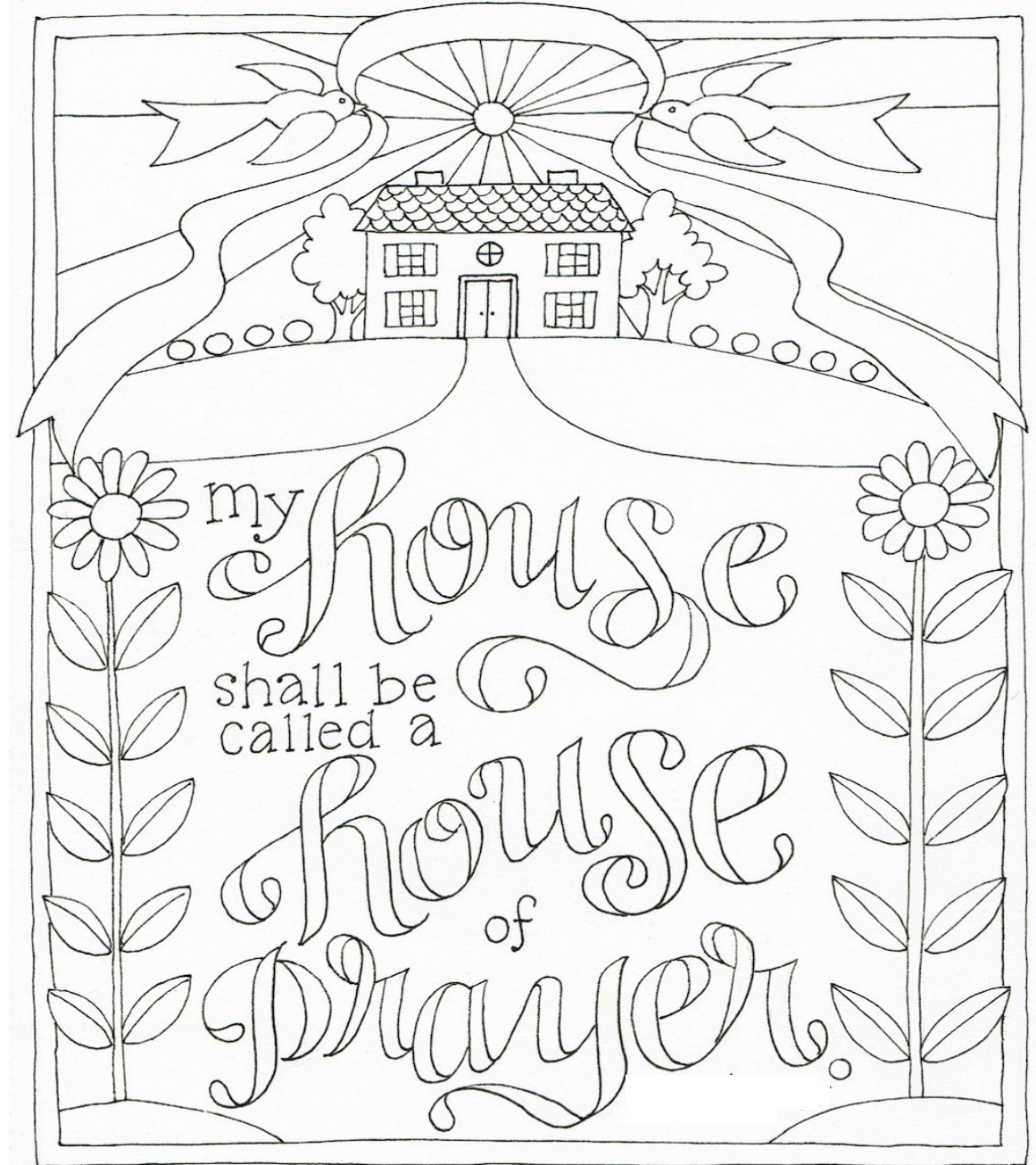


**Volunteers Needed for Altar Committee:** Diana and I are looking for people who might be interested in serving on the Altar Committee. It involves volunteers changing the colors when necessary, flowers, setting up for communion and special services. It is a very rewarding service to the church and to Pastor Jim. I would be very happy to talk to anyone

interested by phone or email to explain more about this service. If we can get enough people to join us, each person would only serve two months out of the year. Our goal is to have 6 people on the committee. Please contact me

at [CharBastian@aol.com](mailto:CharBastian@aol.com) or 302-236-5684 or even a text.

## CHILDREN'S PAGE







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**LENTEN BIBLE STUDY:**  
*"The Overlooked Days"*

Come and join Pastor Jim and John Hammett in an in-depth examination of the days and events leading up to Palm Sunday as well as the days and events between Palm Sunday and The Last Supper. They will lead us on this journey by following Jesus's footsteps along the way after He set His sights on Jerusalem knowing in the days ahead that God's plan of salvation would reach its climax in that city.

They will lead us on Jesus's path by following the Scriptures that reveal answer these questions: "What exactly was Jesus doing prior to His entry into Jerusalem?" "What was He doing between that entry and The Last Supper?" "Where did He go?" "Who did He speak with?" "What did He say to them?" "How does all that affect us?"

The study will be held weekly during Lent beginning on Tuesday, Feb. 20<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 in the Parsonage for those of you who like daytime studies. There will also be five evening sessions for those of you who can't attend in the morning beginning on February 26<sup>th</sup> at 6:30. The evening session will also be able via zoom.

If you want to attend, please send an email letting us know which session you prefer so we can make certain that you receive the necessary materials: [pastorjim@bethellewes.org](mailto:pastorjim@bethellewes.org).

We believe that you will be glad that you take this journey with us and we know that all of us will be blessed for walking in Jesus's footsteps this Lent.