

## John 10:1-11 NRSVUE

<sup>1</sup> “Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. <sup>2</sup> The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. <sup>3</sup> The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. <sup>4</sup> When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. <sup>5</sup> They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers.” <sup>6</sup> Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them. <sup>7</sup> So again Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. <sup>8</sup> All who came before me are thieves and bandits, but the sheep did not listen to them. <sup>9</sup> I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved and will come in and go out and find pasture. <sup>10</sup> The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly. <sup>11</sup> “I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.

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

March 1, 2026



*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

March 1, 2026  
8:00 & 11:00 a.m. Service



## GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

Prelude: "Amazing Grace" arr. Carter

Greeting & Announcements

## GIVE PRAISE TO GOD

\*Opening Hymn: "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah".....#127 UMH

Opening Prayer: *Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hidden. Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

Invitation: Christ our Lord invites to his table all who love him, who earnestly repent of their sin and seek to live in peace with one another. Therefore, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

Confession: *Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart. We have failed to be an obedient church. We have not done your will, we have broken your law, we have rebelled against your love, we have not loved our neighbors, and we have not heard the cry of the needy. Forgive us we pray. Free us for joyful obedience, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

Words of Pardon

Leader: Hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that proves God's love toward us. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

People: *In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!*

All: *Glory to God. Amen.*

# MARCH 1—MARCH 8

<b>Sunday</b>	8:00 a.m. 9:15 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 6:30 p.m.	Traditional Worship Live - Sanctuary Contemporary Worship -Come Alive Time - Sanctuary Sunday School - Various Rooms Traditional Worship Live - Sanctuary Fuel - PMH
<b>Monday</b>	1:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m.	<b>Joyce Mentzer's Sabbath</b> Prayer Shawl Ministry - Lounge Bible Study of Ruth - PMH
<b>Tuesday</b>	9:30 a.m. 1:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Sue Sprague Bible Study - PMH Elizabeth Circle Meeting - BFH "J" Crew - Music Room SPPRC Meeting - PMH YM <sup>2</sup> - Music Room
<b>Wednesday</b>	12:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Mary Martha Circle Meeting - PMH King's Kids - Music Room Church Council Meeting - PMH First Towne Ringers - Music Room
<b>Thursday</b>	10:00 a.m. 6:00 p.m. 7:15 p.m.	The Gospel of Matthew Bible Study - PMH Miracle Singers - BFH Chancel Choir - Music Room
<b>Friday</b>		<b>Pastor Jim's Sabbath</b> <b>Ray Davis's Sabbath</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	8:00 a.m. 8:00 a.m. 9:15 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	Traditional Worship Live - Sanctuary Bethel Men's Group - PMH Contemporary Worship -Come Alive Time - Sanctuary Sunday School - Various Rooms Traditional Worship Live - Sanctuary



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



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, **Barbara Starkweather**, Jim Willhite, **Ralph Williams**

**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 Mederios), Howard Family, Raven Hudson, Ida ( Sister in-Law of Tina Eaton), **Bruno Iacona**, Kelly Jones, Kelly Lahorcek, **Lane**, Al Lopez, Paige Lucas, Lucca, Pat McMillen, Ann Miller, 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:** Ansavlish 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, 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:** Donna LaBalle, **Phet Nakhamouane**

**Recovering From Procedures:** **Patty Marvel**, **Marjorie Mounts**

**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 Junie Grant, Who passed away Feb. 16th.

## LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD

Joys & Concerns and Pastoral Prayer

God's Tithes and our Offerings

Offertory: *"The King of Love My Shepherd Is"* arr. Beck  
presented by Jean Cantrell

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

\*Gospel Lesson: John 10:1-11

Message *"The Good Shepherd"* Pastor Jim Penuel

## CELEBRATE THE SACRAMENT

Service of Word and Table 1.....Page 9 UMH

The Lord's Prayer (sung)

Hymns For Communion: *"Let Us Break Bread Together"*.....#618 UMH

*"Here, O My Lord, I See Thee"* .....#623 UMH

Prayer After Communion: *Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves for others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen*

## GO FORTH IN GOD'S NAME

\*Closing Hymn: *"Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us"*.....#381 UMH

\*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: *"Praeludium in B Flat"* 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.*

# Come Alive Time WORSHIP

March 1, 2026  
9:15 a.m. Service

## GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

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

Greeting and Opening Prayer

## GIVE PRAISE TO GOD

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\*Opening Song of Praise & Worship: *"You Are My All in All"*

Children's Message: *"Jesus is Our Shepherd"*

Joys & Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

Offering: *"As For Me and My House"*

## LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD

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\*Gospel Lesson: John 10:1-11

Message: *"The Good Shepherd"*

Pastor Jim Penuel

## CELEBRATE THE SACRAMENT

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Holy Communion

Song for Communion: *"What A Savior"*

## GO FORTH IN GOD'S NAME

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\*Closing Song: *"Goodness of God"*

\*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)

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

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Code Purple**  
DELAWARE

### 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](mailto: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!!

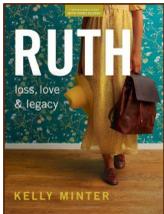
## ANNOUNCEMENTS



### Shower the Babies with Love Thank You

A warm, heartfelt thank you to all of you who donated items and money for this year's collection for the CRC Baby Pantry. This mission would not be possible without the assistance of Bethel staff members: George, Bill, Joyce,

Pastor Jim, Sandy, Suzy, and Todd, and we are grateful for their help. Also, special thanks for the delicious treats provided by Kim and Tom Santaferra for Sunday breakfast bites in support of this mission. Your generosity is overwhelming and will help many families meet their needs to raise healthy happy babies. Thank you! Bethel's Women's Ministry



**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!

**Missions First Annual Opportunity to Serve Fair & Chili Tasting:** Will be held *Sunday, March 15, 2026 from 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.

11 The Missions Team looks forward to seeing you at the Fair. Thank 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](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	Phil & Olga Fitch
	9:15	Curtis Moomaw
	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	Joan Williamson
	9:15	Ray Davis
	11:00	Nancy Logan
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 22, 2026: 228 ( 8:00-53; 9:15-107; 11:00-68)

Contributions for February 22, 2026

weekly deposit	\$ 10,328.64
weekly budget	\$ 16,915.18
YTD collection	\$ 133,257.64
YTD budget	\$ 135,321.44



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](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 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.



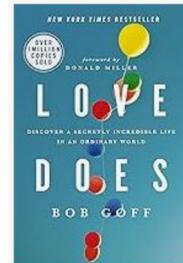
**Love Offering:** The March Love Offering will benefit Camp Hope an eight week summer, day camp for disadvantaged children going into 2nd - 5th grade. Camp Hope is a ministry of Bethel UMC, Conley's UMC, Epworth UMC and Israel UMC. Camp Hope is funded by financial contributions from our four churches, grants, local businesses and individuals like you. Through your support,

children who might not know Jesus are introduced to the Bible and his unconditional love. Activities include arts & crafts, meals, games, field trips, Bible stories and scripture lessons. The memories and experiences our kids leave with are priceless! 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.

## Bethel Men's Ministry Gatherings

### Two Opportunities

#### Every Month!



Join us on the **second Sunday of each month** in the **Parsonage Meeting House** from **8:00–8:45AM**. The next two meeting dates will be **Mar 8 and Mar 12**. This group is reading and discussing the book “**Love Does**” but even if you don’t have the book or haven’t read it you are welcome to join us.

In addition, a **NEW monthly gathering started this fall**, meeting on the **fourth Wednesday of each month**, from **7:00–8:30 PM** at **Barry Eaton’s home** for a time of fun, fellowship, and spiritual growth. Upcoming meeting dates are **Mar 25 and Apr 22**. This group will be using **video-based studies** throughout the year, kicking off the new year with a **Tony Evans series called “Kingdom Heroes.”**

Are you seeking fellowship with other men of faith, and/or a deepening of your relationship with Christ? All men of Bethel are invited and encouraged to join us at either gathering. Please contact either **Barry Eaton at [1785eaton@gmail.com](mailto:1785eaton@gmail.com)** or **Ray Davis at [ray@bethellewes.org](mailto:ray@bethellewes.org)** for directions or any questions and to let them know you're planning to attend. Even if you haven't joined us before, **we welcome you to check out either one (or both) of these men's ministry groups.**

*Let's grow together in faith and friendship!*

### Note Sheet

#### The Good Shepherd

John 10:1-11

3/1/26

1. Before David was the king of Israel, he was a \_\_\_\_\_.
2. Psalm 100:4, “Know that the Lord is God. It is he who made us, and we are his; we are His people, the \_\_\_\_\_ of his pasture.”
3. Psalm 23:1, “The Lord is my \_\_\_\_\_, I shall not want.”
4. Jesus guides us to the way of \_\_\_\_\_ as our Shepherd.
5. John 10:11, “I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his \_\_\_\_\_ for the sheep.”
6. Joshua 24:15, “As for me and my house, we will serve the \_\_\_\_\_.”

Scripture reading for further reflection: Psalm 100, Psalm 23, Joshua 24.

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





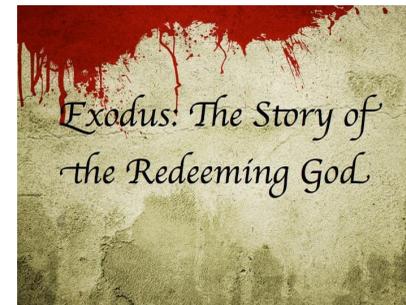
**Elizabeth Circle's Spring Blood Drive for the Blood Bank of Delmarva** will be held Tuesday, March 10 from 10am to 4pm in the Fellowship Hall. The donation site is open for you to sign up. Anyone in generally good health and over 17 years of age may register. There is a high demand for lifesaving blood

donations. Use this link for easy signup:

[https://donate.bbd.org/donor/schedules/drive\\_schedule/11428](https://donate.bbd.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/11428)

Any questions, please contact Marilyn Mead at [marilynwm26@gmail.com](mailto:marilynwm26@gmail.com)

**Elizabeth Circle Meeting:** Will meet on Tuesday, March 3, in Fellowship Hall at 12:45 p.m. for fellowship and refreshments. Our meeting will begin shortly after. We are hoping to have a speaker from the Community Resource Center. All women of Bethel are welcome! For more information, contact Donna Fleischauer ([djmarrin@yahoo.com](mailto:djmarrin@yahoo.com)) or any Circle member.



**Bible Study on the life of Moses:** Moses was the greatest prophet who God chose to use to birth the nation of Israel. His story, mostly in the book of Exodus, foreshadows the life of Jesus and sets the roots of our celebration of Easter and many laws we still live by. With understanding of the Old Testament lessons you can more fully appreciate the New Testament and what Jesus did and taught

and the cost of Redemption. We meet on Thursday afternoons from 1-2:30 in the PMH beginning March 19 and should finish by the end of May. Only a Bible is needed. Led by Kay Poole. Let Kay know if you plan to attend at [bookay10@comcast.net](mailto:bookay10@comcast.net).



**Sanctuary Open For Prayer & Anointing:** Pastor Jim is going to open the sanctuary for prayer and anointing during Lent. On Tuesdays, starting March 2nd, the sanctuary will be open for prayer from 10am to 11am. The sanctuary will also be open for prayer on Wednesdays from 6pm to 7pm starting March 11th.