

## John 12:1-8 NRSV

<sup>1</sup> Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. <sup>2</sup> There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at the table with him. <sup>3</sup> Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus' feet, and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. <sup>4</sup> But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said, <sup>5</sup> 'Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor?' <sup>6</sup> (He said this not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief; he kept the common purse and used to steal what was put into it.) <sup>7</sup> Jesus said, 'Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial. <sup>8</sup> You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me.'

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

March 10, 2024  
4th 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

March 10, 2024  
8:00 & 11:00 a.m. Service

## GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

Prelude: "In the Sweet By and By" arr. McKibben

Greeting & Announcements

\*Call to worship:

Leader: Break open our hearts this morning to hear your word,  
O God.

**People:** *Let our fears be vanquished, our spirits restored!*

Leader: Come and let us worship with great joy!

**People:** *Let us drop the things of the past which weighed us  
down!*

Leader: God is about to do something new in our lives!

**People:** *Let God's will become strong in our lives. Amen.*

## GIVE PRAISE TO GOD

\*Opening Hymn: "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling" .....#384 UMH

Opening Prayer: *We come into your presence, O Lord, with so many burdens  
and concerns on our hearts. Help us to be open to your words of healing  
and restoration. Bring us closer to you. Enable us to discern your will for  
us that we may serve you more faithfully by serving others in need. 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.*

MARCH 10—MARCH 17

<b>Sunday</b>	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
	1:00 p.m.	Grief Share - PMH
	6:30 p.m.	Fuel - PMH
<b>Monday</b>		<b>Joyce Mentzer's Sabbath</b>
	6:00 p.m.	Antiques Show Meeting - Meeting Room
	6:30 p.m.	Lenten Bible Study - PMH
<b>Tuesday</b>	10:00 a.m.	Lenten Bible Study - PMH
	6:00 p.m.	"J" Crew - Music Room
	6:30 p.m.	Trustees Meeting - PMH
	7:15 p.m.	YM2 - Music Room
<b>Wednesday</b>	10:30 a.m.	Women's Ministry Meeting - PMH
	6:00 p.m.	Kings Kids - Music Room
	7:15 p.m.	First Towne Ringers - Music Room
<b>Thursday</b>	1:00 p.m.	Kay Poole Bible Study - PMH
	6:00 p.m.	Wyld Life/Young Life Meeting - PMH
	6:00 p.m.	Miracle Singers - BFH
	7:15 p.m.	Chancel Choir - Music Room
<b>Friday</b>		<b>Pastor Jim's Sabbath</b>
		<b>Ray Davis's Sabbath</b>
	12:00 p.m.	<b>Blood Drive - BFH</b>
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	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
	5:00 p.m.	Confirmation Class - 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

3/10/2024

Key:  type indicates a request new this week

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

**Hospital:**

**Hospice:** Sharon Messinger, ***Bonnie Brantley-Riley***, Diana Riley, Mrs. Sample

**General Concerns:** Susan Allen, ***Gary Arrell***, Barbara Arzinger, Frances Baker, Diaz Bonnaville, Inez Brengle, Sharon Dawson, Dave Elliott, Bri Girard, Mark Henze, Bill Meyer, Shana Molnar, ***Ms. Monica***, ***Dr. Anise Saliba***, 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, 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 Kroley, 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:** Lynn Block, Mary Conn, ***Ed Hawk***, ***Burt Murray***

**Recovering From Procedures:** ***Clois Bell***, Marilyn Emanuel, ***Debbie McKenzie***

**Other:**

- Loudon County, VA fire department line of duty death in a house explosion. 9 other fire-fighters were injured.
- 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 the Downes - Whealton family on the loss of their mother Joann***
- Family & Friends of Robert Davis, husband of Susan & father of Ray, who passed away.
- Family& Friends of Dick Stevenson, husband of Joan who passed away on February 24th.

**LISTEN TO GOD’S WORD**

Joys & Concerns and Pastoral Prayer

God’s Tithes and our Offerings

Offertory: 8:00 - “Chorale” by Abrams

11:00 - “Is There Room For A Sinner?” by Choplin  
Katie Costello, flute

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

Hymn of Preparation: “Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy”.....#340 UMH

\*Gospel Lesson: John 12:1-8

Message “Making the Preparations” Pastor Jim Penuel

**GO FORTH IN GOD’S NAME**

\*Closing Hymn: “More Love to Thee, O Christ”.....#453 UMH

\*Benediction

\*Postlude (11): “Recessional in Classic Style” by Young

*\*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



March 10, 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: *"Jesus Messiah"*  
*"Your Love, O Lord"*

Children's Message *"Giving Our Best"*

Joys & Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

Blessing of the Offering

Offering: *"The Way"*

## LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD

\*Gospel Lesson: John 12:1-8

Message *"Making the Preparations"* Pastor Jim Penuel

## GO FORTH IN GOD'S NAME

\*Closing Song: *"This Is Our God"*

\*Benediction

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

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS



**Fabric Drive:** The Missions and Elizabeth Circle are hosting a drive to collect fabric used to sew dresses and shorts for children in Guatemala and the Congo. Our current need is for fabrics for boys' shorts. Donated fabric should be: Cotton or cotton blends, opaque, minimum of 1 yard. New or stored fabrics, all washed and ironed. No camouflage or political prints/slogans.

Collection bins will be in Fellowship Hall March 10th to March 24th.  
Contacts: Bev DelliSanti bevdell45@comcast.net or Pam Moti prmonti@aol.com



### Camp Pecometh Volunteer Day April 13th.

Enjoy a day of service, fellowship, food, and fun!

Calling all able-bodied volunteers!

Camp Pecometh Volunteer Day is fast approaching,

Saturday April 13th at 8am to 4:30pm. There are some jobs in need of help, trail clean up, preparing cabins, helping with painting, specifically the maintenance building and applying "Deck over" to some of the decks. Lunch is provided. Our own, Ray Davis will be returning this summer for a week to minister to the campers. If you would like to sign up, please go to [www.pecometh.org](http://www.pecometh.org), then to subheading Volunteer. For more information and to register. There may be carpooling opportunities, so please reach out to [kathy@delmarland.com](mailto:kathy@delmarland.com) if you can plan on attending.



### Code Purple at St Jude the Apostle Thank You:

March brings the final two weeks of this season's Code Purple shelter and with it, the opportunity to say how inspiring the work of Bethel United Methodist was in feeding our homeless guests. Please pass along our thanks to your volunteers for their planning, shopping and cooking, and especially for their willingness to deliver homemade hot dinners at a late hour

When is a casserole not just a casserole? When it's also an amazing outpouring of love.

Thank you and all your volunteers for that!

God's blessings on you all and on our homeless.

Joan Russo

Meal Coordinator for Code Purple at St. Jude the Apostle

## 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.

## 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.



### Leaders for Today's Service

**Greeters:** 8:00 Joe & Edie Sipos  
 9:15 Kevin White  
 11:00 Marilyn & Ron Mead

**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 John Hammett  
 9:15 Ray Davis  
 11:00 John Andalora

**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: March 3, 2024: 341 ( 8:00-47; 9:15-181; 11:00-113)

Contributions for March 3, 2024

weekly deposit	\$ 16,356.33
weekly budget	\$ 15,487.83
YTD collection	\$ 177,785.01
YTD budget	\$ 154,878.30



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



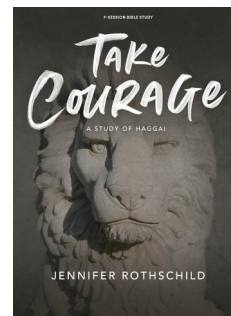
## ANNOUNCEMENTS



**Blood Drive:** Elizabeth Circle is hosting a Blood Drive here at Bethel Friday, March 15th from 12:00pm- 6:00pm. This drive will be held in the Fellowship Hall. We need a minimum of 30 donors to make it a success. ***There still are many openings available through out the afternoon,***

***particularly between 2:30 and 5:00. so please come give the gift of life to others.*** All donors should sign-up using the Blood Bank donor link below. [https://donate.bbd.org/donor/schedules/drive schedule/9859](https://donate.bbd.org/donor/schedules/drive%20schedule/9859)  
 Any questions, please contact Marilyn Mead at [Rmmead50@att.net](mailto:Rmmead50@att.net) or (734) 475-0558

**Women's Ministry Meeting Invite:** Bethel Women's Ministry would like to invite all Women of Bethel to join us for our next Women's Ministry Meeting Wednesday, March 13th at 10:30am in the Parsonage Meeting House. Come and enjoy the fellowship with each other and plan for ways to accomplish our mission of doing for women & children in our community and abroad. Any questions, please contact Amy Chason at [amychason@comcast.net](mailto:amychason@comcast.net). Look forward to seeing you! Happy Spring!



### Women's Ministry Spring Bible Study:

Bethel Women's Ministry invite the women of Bethel and friends to join us on strengthening our faith journey through the Bible study "Take Courage" by Jennifer Rothschild. The study will be led by Susie Keefer and will be done with the use of videos and study books. (We ask a \$15 donation for the books) The Bible study will be held from Monday, April 8th - Monday, May 13th at 6:30 pm in the Parsonage Mtg House.

We would appreciate you signing up either on the form in Fellowship Hall on the signup board or the church website under [www.bethellewes.org](http://www.bethellewes.org). Go to forms and sign-up and click on Women's Ministry Spring Bible Study Sign-Up. If you have questions, please contact Amy Chason, [amychason@comcast.net](mailto:amychason@comcast.net) or 240-210-2349.

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**Love Offering:** The March Love Offering will benefit Lifetime Wells. The mission is to improve the quality of life for communities in Ghana and Tanzania by providing access to safe drinking water and a new ministry of eyecare in Africa. 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.



### **Easter Lilies and Cape Henlopen Food Basket:**

Orders are now being accepted for Easter Lilies, Tulips or Daffodils and/or donations for the Cape Henlopen Food basket. Order forms can be found on the Bethel Website or Bulletin Insert. Payment can be made from the Bethel Website by clicking on the “Give” tab at the top of the page; clicking on the “On Line Giving Portal” button; under Fund

Dropdown “Choose a Fund”; click on Easter Flowers and or Cape Henlopen Food Basket button. You can also pay by check. Make your check payable to Bethel United Methodist Church and on the memo line write Easter Flowers or Cape Henlopen Food Basket. Thank you for giving to this very worthy ministry.



### **Heartfelt Thanks:**

Bethel Family,  
We cannot begin to express our sincere gratitude for the love, care and support you have shown our family during this most difficult time. We have truly felt your love and presence this week. We are overwhelmed with thankfulness for all of the delicious food to sustain us, the cards to comfort us, and the visits to help us remember our amazing husband, dad and granddaddy. Thank you for sharing God’s love to our entire extended family as well. We love you all very much and are blessed to be a part of the Bethel Family.

Susan, Ray, Katie, Parker, Jackson, Makenzie & the entire Davis family

## CHILDREN’S PAGE



# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Holy Week Happenings: March 25<sup>th</sup>-31<sup>st</sup>



**Palm Sunday:** March 25th, join us for worship.

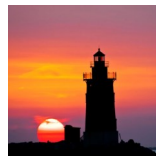
**Thursday:** 10am -12pm: Our sanctuary will be open for prayer, anointing, and silent communion. People are welcome to come and go during this time of worship and reflection in our sanctuary.



**Good Friday Crosswalk:** Please join us on March 29th at 10am for the Good Friday Crosswalk. We will meet outside of Bethel and walk with the cross around the Lewes community. Scripture lessons will be read and hymns will be sung as we remember Christ's sacrifice for us all. After the crosswalk, the sanctuary will be open for anointing and prayer until 1:00pm.



**Good Friday Service and Cantata:** You are invited to attend a Holy Week service on Friday, March 29th at 7:00 p.m. in Bethel's sanctuary. The service will feature the Joseph Martin choral work, "Song of the Shadows," presented by the Chancel Choir. Come and remember the beauty and sorrow of Christ's sacrifice for us as we partake of communion and worship together.



**Easter Sunrise Service:** On March 31st, join us as we worship the Risen Savior at 6:30am on Lewes Beach. Please join us for a very special sunrise worship service with hymns, preaching, and prayer. Bring your own chair!

**Easter Worship Services:** Come join us for 1 of our 3 worship services at Bethel UMC . 8:00a.m. Traditional Sunday Worship in the Sanctuary, 9:15 a.m. Contemporary Worship in Fellowship Hall, or 11:00 a.m. Traditional Sunday Worship in the Sanctuary. Church Livestream Watch Online Sundays @ 9:15 or 11:00 Or anytime after the services on YouTube



## EASTER FLOWERS AND/OR FOOD BASKET DONATIONS – 2024

Please be sure to include your name so we can include your dedication information in our Easter Bulletin.  
Thank you

Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Your phone number: \_\_\_\_\_



Below is a list of the flowers which will be available for our altar area on Easter Sunday, March 31, 2024.

		<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Total</u>
6" Easter Lily	\$11.00	_____	_____
6" Tulips	\$10.00	_____	_____
6" Daffodils	\$10.00	_____	_____

**Note:** Lilies have 3 blooms; Tulips 6 bulbs; and Daffodils 3 bulbs.

Easter Flowers "In Memory Of..."  
\_\_\_\_\_

Easter Flowers "In Honor Of..."  
\_\_\_\_\_

We are also giving you the opportunity, once again, to donate to an organization which greatly needs our help. This year we are again supporting the Cape Henlopen Food Basket. Food Basket donation "In Memory Of...":

\_\_\_\_\_  
Food Basket donation "In Honor Of...":

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**Please return this form to the Church Office with your check,  
payable to Bethel UMC, by Monday, March 18th.  
We cannot accept any order for Flowers after Monday, March 18th.**

Office Use Only: CASH \_\_\_\_\_ AMOUNT \$ \_\_\_\_\_ CHECK # \_\_\_\_\_ AMOUNT \$ \_\_\_\_\_