

John 15:9-17 NRSV

⁹ As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. ¹⁰ If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. ¹¹ I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete. ¹² 'This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. ¹³ No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. ¹⁴ You are my friends if you do what I command you. ¹⁵ I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. ¹⁶ You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. ¹⁷ I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.

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

March 17, 2024
5th 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 17, 2024
8:00 & 11:00 a.m. Service

GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

Prelude: "Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus" arr. Kidwell

Greeting & Announcements

*Call to worship:

Leader: The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

People: *He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor requite us according to our iniquities.*

Leader: What shall I render to the Lord for all his bounty to me?

People: *I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord.*

GIVE PRAISE TO GOD

*Opening Hymn: "How Can We Name a Love".....#111 UMH

Opening Prayer: *O God, your glory is always to have mercy. Be gracious to all who have gone astray from your ways, and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of your Word, Jesus Christ your Son, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God forever and ever. 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 17—MARCH 24

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
	1:00 p.m.	Grief Share - PMH
	5:00 p.m.	Confirmation Class - PMH
	6:30 p.m.	Fuel - PMH
Monday		Joyce Mentzer's Sabbath
	6:30 p.m.	Lenten Bible Study - PMH
Tuesday	10:00 a.m.	Lenten Bible Study - PMH
	6:00 p.m.	"J" Crew - Music Room
	7:15 p.m.	YM2 - Music Room
Wednesday	6:00 p.m.	Missions Team Meeting - PMH
	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		Palm Sunday
	8:00 a.m.	Traditional Worship Live - 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 METHODIST CHURCH PRAYER LIST

3/17/2024

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

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

Hospital:

Hospice: Sharon Messinger, Diana Riley, Mrs. Sample

General Concerns: Susan Allen, Gary Arrell, Barbara Arzinger, Frances Baker, Diaz Bonville, Inez Brengle, Sharon Dawson, **Devon, Richard Dickey**, Dave Elliott, Bri Girard, Mark Henze, **Belinda Kahoe, Suzy Kremer**, Bill Meyer, Shana Molnar, Ms. Monica, Dr. Anise Saliba, Penny Shockley, **Crystal Vines**

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 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, **Jack O'Day**, Lori O'Day, George Pepper, Jodi Potter, Beth Rinker, Celeste Ryan, Ed Sales, Tom Schaich, Joe Seay, Bill Seitz, Bonnie Stevlingson, 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, Burt Murray, **Linda Rathmanner, Edie Sipos**

Recovering From Procedures: Clois Bell, Marilyn Emanuel, **Ella Evans**, Debbie McKenzie, **David Roux**

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 F. Grove Miller on the passing of Ken's father and grandfather of Kiersten Sponaugle & Korin Parks.**
- **Family & Friends of Bonnie Brantley-Riley who passed away on March 9th**
- **Family & Friends of Cynthia and Kevin Sabourin on the passing of Kevin's mother**
- **Family & Friends of John Timothy Lehne who passed on January 27th**
- Family & Friends of the Downes - Whealton family on the loss of their mother Joann

LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD

Joys & Concerns and Pastoral Prayer

God's Tithes and our Offerings

Offertory: 8:00 - "Breathe On Me, Breath of God" arr. Folkerts

11:00 - "Jesu, Jesu Fill Us With Your Love" by Colvin

with Katie Costello, flute and John Andalora, drums

*Doxology:.....#94 UMH

Hymn of Preparation: "The Gift of Love".....#408 UMH

*Gospel Lesson: John 15:9-17

Message "The Final Teachings: One Last Word Before I Go" Pastor Jim Penuel

Reception of New Members

GO FORTH IN GOD'S NAME

*Closing Hymn: "O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee".....#430 UMH

*Benediction

*Postlude (11): "Jubilant Ringing" by Lehenbauer

**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 17, 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: *"Overwhelmed"* and *"One Thing Remains"*

Children's Mess *"What Does Jesus Want Us to Know?"*

Joys & Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

Blessing of the Offering

Offering: *"That's Why We Praise Him"*

LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD

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Message *"The Final Teachings: One Last Word Before I Go"* Pastor Jim Penuel

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*Closing Song: *"More Like Jesus"*

*Benediction

**Those who are able, please stand.*

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New Date for Youth Sunday Service: Our COMBINED Youth Sunday Service has been rescheduled for Sunday, April 14 at 10:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Our youth will be leading worship based on the theme, "Stories: How HIS Story Changes OUR Stories." They 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.

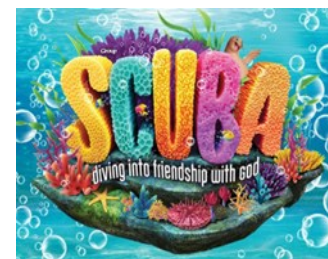


Camp Pecometh Volunteer Day April 13th.

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, then to subheading Volunteer. For more information and to register. There may be carpooling opportunities, so please reach out to kathy@delmarland.com if you can plan on attending.



VBS Needs Volunteers: We need YOU to make this year's Vacation Bible School a success!! Scuba VBS will take place from 9 am to 12 noon on Monday July 29th to Thursday August 1st, with a closing program on Thursday. Plans are well underway and now is the time to let us know if you can help with your time and/or talents. We are in need of leaders for Games, Imagination Station (Crafts), Assistant Station Leaders, Group

Leaders, Decorations setup and teardown. Adult and teen volunteers are welcome! Please visit bethellewes.org to fill out our Volunteer Interest Form or contact Katie Davis at kdavis4786@gmail.com to sign up. Thank you in advance for your support of this special summer ministry

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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

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



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 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 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

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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 Don Kinney
 9:15 Kevin White
 11:00 Ralph & Mary Louise Scott

- 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 Charlotte Bastian
 9:15 Ray Davis
 11:00 Jack Henriksen

- 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 10, 2024: 252 (8:00-42; 9:15-122; 11:00-88)

Contributions for March 10, 2024

weekly deposit	\$ 10,418.50
weekly budget	\$ 15,487.83
YTD collection	\$ 188,203.51
YTD budget	\$ 170,366.13



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



*Please Welcome Our
New Members To The
Bethel Family*

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|-----------------|------------------------|
| Ralph Anderson | Mauro Jose' DeMedeiros |
| Ellen Dowling | Michele Fehr |
| Rick Fehr | Carol Frampton |
| Lindsay Grubish | Bud Hillman |
| Cheryl Hillman | Dan McManus |
| George Phillips | Janine Phillips |
| Kathy Pippin | Robert Suter |
| June Thwing | |



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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.

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. 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 or 240-210-2349.

CHILDREN’S PAGE

“[Jesus said,] ‘Love each other as I have loved you.’” John 15:12



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Holy Week Happenings: March 25th-31st



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

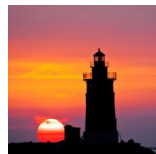
Thursday: 10am -12pm: Our sanctuary will be open for prayer, anointing, and silent communion. People are welcome to come and go during this time of worship and reflection in our sanctuary.



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 worship together on this holy day.



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...":

**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 \$ _____