

Luke 18:31-34 NRSV

³¹ Then he took the twelve aside and said to them, 'See, we are going up to Jerusalem, and everything that is written about the Son of Man by the prophets will be accomplished. ³² For he will be handed over to the Gentiles; and he will be mocked and insulted and spat upon. ³³ After they have flogged him, they will kill him, and on the third day he will rise again.' ³⁴ But they understood nothing about all these things; in fact, what he said was hidden from them, and they did not grasp what was said.

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

March 3, 2024
3rd 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 3, 2024
8:00 & 11:00 a.m. Service

GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

Prelude: "Lead Me to Calvary" by Whitsett

Greeting & Announcements

GIVE PRAISE TO GOD

*Opening Hymn: "Ye Servants of God".....#181 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 3—MARCH 10

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
Monday		Joyce Mentzer's Sabbath
	11:00 a.m.	Robert Davis Celebration of Life Service
	10:30 a.m.	Women's Retreat Committee Meeting - Meeting Rm
	1:00 p.m.	Prayer Shawl Ministry - Lounge
	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
	6:30 p.m.	SPPRC Meeting - PMH
	7:15 p.m.	YM2 - Music Room
Wednesday	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

3/3/2024

Key: **Bold, Italicized & Underlined** 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, Barbara Arzinger, **Frances Baker**, Diaz Bonville, Inez Brengle, Sharon Dawson, Dave Elliott, **Bri Girard**, Mark Henze, 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, 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

Recovering From Procedures: Marilyn Emanuel, Pat Emmett

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 Robert Davis, husband of Susan & father of Ray, who passed away. Service will be March 4th at 11am at Bethel UMC with a viewing one hour prior.**
- **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 - “Holy Manna” arr. Schelat

11:00 - “Bonse Aba” presented by the Youth Music Ministry

*Doxology:.....#94 UMH

*Gospel Lesson: Luke 18:31-34

Message “Are We Listening?” Pastor Jim Penuel

CELEBRATE THE SACRAMENT

Service of Word and Table I.....#9 UMH

The Lord’s Prayer (sung)

Songs For Communion: “Take Our Bread”#640 UMH

“You Satisfy the Hungry Heart”.....#629 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: “Grace Greater than Our Sin”.....#365 UMH

*Benediction

*Postlude (11): “Toccata Regale” by Giamanco

**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 3, 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 Song of Praise & Worship: *"Let There Be Peace"*

Children's Message *"How Will We Know?"*

Joys & Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

Blessing of the Offering

Offering: *"Word of God, Speak"*

LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD

*Gospel Lesson: Luke 18:31-34

Message *"Are We Listening?"* Pastor Jim Penuel

CELEBRATE THE SACRAMENT

Holy Communion

Song During Communion *"You Gave"*

GO FORTH IN GOD'S NAME

*Closing Song: *"You Gave - Reprise"*

*Benediction

**Those who are able, please stand.*

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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



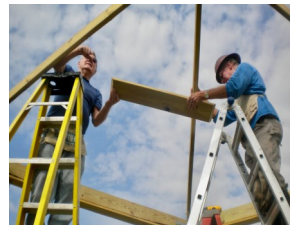
Camp Pecometh



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, 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.



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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 Herky & Shelley Billings
 - 9:15 Curtis Moomaw
 - 11:00 Ralph 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 Herky Billings
 - 9:15 Ray Davis
 - 11:00 Marjorie Mounts
- 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 25, 2024: 376 (8:00-39; 9:15-243; 11:00-94)

Contributions for February 25, 2024	weekly deposit	\$ 10,597.92
	weekly budget	\$ 15,487.83
	YTD collection	\$ 161,428.68
	YTD budget	\$ 139,390.47



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



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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

Elizabeth Circle Meeting: The Elizabeth Circle will meet at 1 PM on Tuesday, March 5th in Fellowship Hall. We will conduct our business meeting, then relax and share snacks, enjoying Christian companionship. Any women of Bethel are welcome to join or visit. For more information, contact Donna Fleischauer (djmarin@yahoo.com) or any Circle member.



Blood Drive: Elizabeth Circle is once again hosting the Delmarva Blood Bank for 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. The supply of blood in our area is at critically low levels 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 or (734) 475-0558

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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.

Mary Martha Circle Meeting: The Mary Martha Circle will be meeting Wednesday, March 6th, at Noon in the Parsonage Meeting House. All ladies of Bethel are invited to join us and enjoy Christian fellowship. For more info, contact Carole Cotman at clcotman@comcast.net

CHILDREN'S PAGE



On the third day, I will rise again.

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Holy Week Happenings: March 25th-31st



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

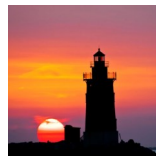
Thursday: 10am -12pm: Our sanctuary will be open for prayer, anointing, and silent communion. People are welcome to come and go during this time of worship and reflection in our sanctuary.



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 fellowship hall. 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.

		Quantity	Total
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 \$ _____