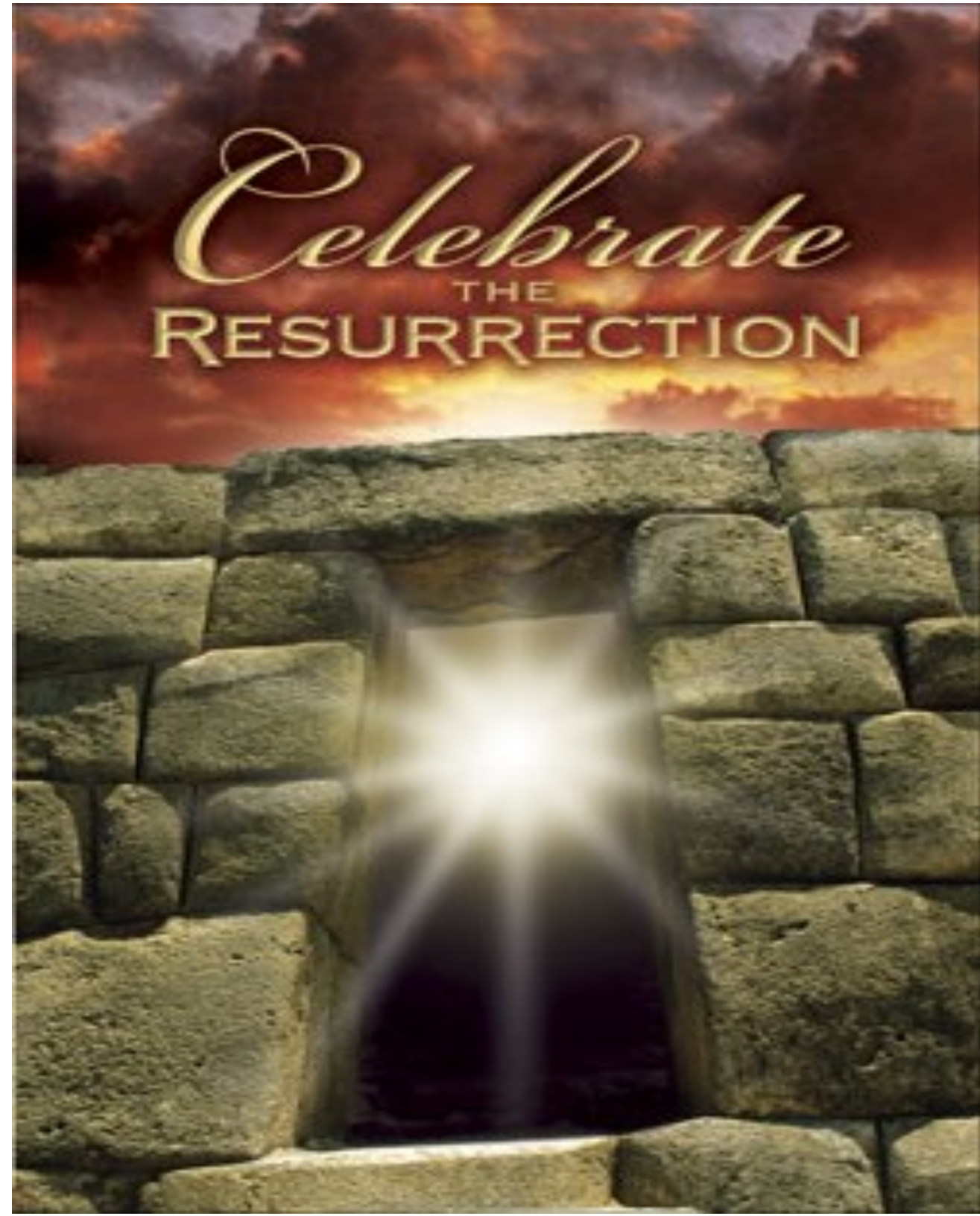


John 20:1-18 NRSV

¹ Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. ² So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, ‘They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him.’ ³ Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went towards the tomb. ⁴ The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. ⁵ He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. ⁶ Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, ⁷ and the cloth that had been on Jesus’ head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. ⁸ Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; ⁹ for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. ¹⁰ Then the disciples returned to their homes. ¹¹ But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; ¹² and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. ¹³ They said to her, ‘Woman, why are you weeping?’ She said to them, ‘They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him.’ ¹⁴ When she had said this, she turned round and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. ¹⁵ Jesus said to her, ‘Woman, why are you weeping? For whom are you looking?’ Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, ‘Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away.’ ¹⁶ Jesus said to her, ‘Mary!’ She turned and said to him in Hebrew, ‘Rabbouni!’ (which means Teacher). ¹⁷ Jesus said to her, ‘Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, “I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.”’ ¹⁸ Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, ‘I have seen the Lord’; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

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



Worship

Celebration of



March 31, 2024
8:00 & 11:00 a.m. Service
Bethel UMC-Easter Sunday

GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

Prelude: "I Know That My Redeemer Liveth" by Handel

Greeting & Announcements

*Call to worship:

Leader: The darkness is banished!
People: The brightness of God's love floods in on us!
 Leader: Christ is risen!
People: He is risen indeed!
 Leader: Hallelujah!
People: Hallelujah!
ALL: AMEN.

GIVE PRAISE TO GOD

*Opening Hymn: "Christ the Lord Is Risen Today".....#302 UMH

Opening Prayer: *Christ the Lord is Risen today! Alleluia! Our hopes and dreams have come true. We do not have to fear death, for Christ goes before us. Praise be to God who has raised Christ from the dead and given to us new life. Open our hearts to receive your wondrous words of love, O God. Help prepare us for the opportunities to serve you by serving others. We pray in Christ's 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.*

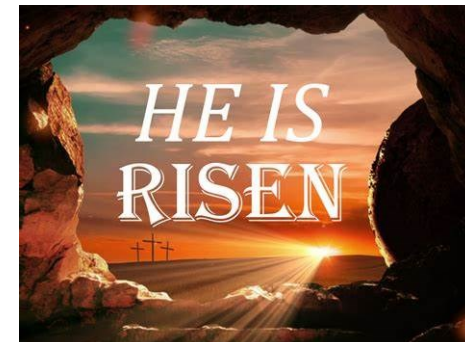
MARCH 31—APRIL 7

Sunday	Easter Sunday	6:30 a.m. Easter Sunrise Service - Lewes Beach 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 Prayer Shawl Ministry - Lounge
Thursday		1:00 p.m. Sewing Committee Meeting - PMH 6:00 p.m. Miracle Singers - BFH 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir - Sanctuary
Friday		Pastor Jim's Sabbath Ray Davis's Sabbath
Saturday		2:00 p.m. Coastal Concerts - BFH
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



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

3/31/2024

Key: type indicates a request new this week

Rehabilitation: Bonnie Parker, Carla Robinson

Hospital:

Hospice: Sharon Messinger, Diana Riley, Mrs. Sample

General Concerns: Susan Allen, Gary Arrell, Barbara Arzinger, Diaz Bonnaville, Inez Brengle, Sharon Dawson, Devon, Richard Dickey, Dave Elliott, Bri Girard, Mark Henze, Belinda Kahoe, Suzy Kremer, Bill Meyer, Shana Molnar, Ms. Monica, Sloane Porcaro, **Anne Schulze**, 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: Bob Dickey, Burt Murray

Recovering From Procedures: Lynn Block, Mary Conn, Marilyn Emanuel, **Amber Penuel**, David Roux, Edie Sipos

Other:

- **The victims and families affected by the Francis Scott Key Bridge collapse.**
- The victims and families affected by the terrorist attack in Moscow.
- Those affected by tornadoes and storms in the Midwest
- All those caring for family and friends, especially spouses.
- Innocent Israeli and Palestinian victims suffering in the war between Israel and Hamas.
- Delaware Firefighters, EMS, and State Troopers.
- People of the Ukraine, Turkey, Syria, Haiti & Sudan, due to ongoing warring situations.
- People who are unemployed and under employed, and homeless families.
- For racial justice in the United States.

Sympathy to:

- **Family & Friends of Bob Ackerman, who passed away March 27th.**
- **Family & Friends of Charles E. Smith, Sr., who passed away.**
- **Family & Friends of Robert Bagwell, who passed away unexpectedly.**

LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD

Joys & Concerns and Pastoral Prayer

God's Tithes and our Offerings

Offertory: 8:00 - *Festive Offertory on "Llanfair"* by McDonald

11:00 - *"Sing an Easter Alleluia"* by McDonald

Bob Snyder, trumpet

*Doxology:.....#94 UMH

Hymn of Exultation: *"Crown Him With Many Crowns"*.....#327 UMH

*Gospel Lesson: John 20:1-18

Message *"I Have To Praise You Like I Should"* Pastor Jim Penuel

GO FORTH IN GOD'S NAME

*Closing Hymn: *"Because He Lives"*.....#364 UMH

(11:00 - If you'd like to join the choir in singing the Hallelujah Chorus, please move to the Chancel area during the final verse of the hymn. Copies of the score can be found at either side of the organ.)

*Benediction

*Postlude (11): *"Hallelujah Chorus"* by Handel

**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 31, 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: *"Glorious Day" & "My Living Hope"*

Children's Message *"We are Easter "Peep"le!"*

Joys & Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

Blessing of the Offering

Offering: *"This Is Our God"*

LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD

*Gospel Lesson: John 20:1-18

Message *"I Have To Praise You Like I Should"* Pastor Jim Penuel


GO FORTH IN GOD'S NAME

*Closing Song: *"Amen - Because He Lives"*

*Benediction

**Those who are able, please stand.*

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Stories

HOW HIS STORY
CHANGES OUR STORIES

Youth Sunday Combined Service
NEW DATE: APRIL 14 @ 10:30

Our COMBINED Youth Sunday Service

has been rescheduled

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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS



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



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.



Elizabeth Circle Meeting: The Elizabeth Circle will meet at 1 PM on Tuesday, April 2nd 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 (djmarrin@yahoo.com) or any Circle member.

Mary Martha Circle Meeting: The Mary Martha Circle will be meeting Wednesday, April 3rd, 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

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	Phil & Olga Fitch
	9:15	Libby Gibson
	11:00	Miguel Gomez
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	Phil Fields
	9:15	Ray Davis
	11:00	Emory Buck
Audio Visual Techs:	8:00	Norm Macturk
	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 24, 2024: 411 (8:00-49; 9:15-242; 11:00-120)

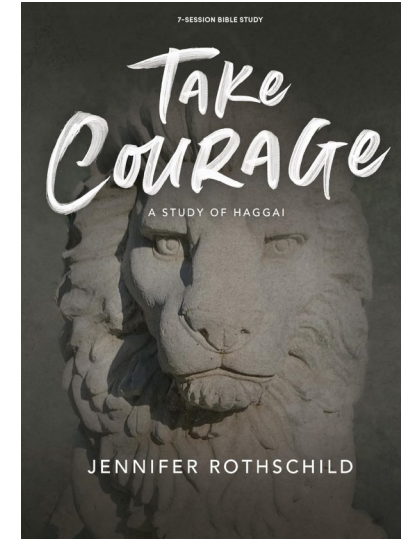
Contributions for March 24, 2024

weekly deposit	\$ 12,732.16
weekly budget	\$ 15,487.83
YTD collection	\$ 217,011.99
YTD budget	\$ 201,341.79



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

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 study guide) 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.

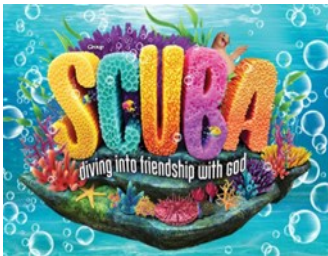
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Love Offering: The April Love Offering will benefit Camp Pecometh. The mission is to provide sanctuary for Christian hospitality and programming that promote God-inspired, life-changing experiences through camp and retreat ministries. Love Offerings 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.



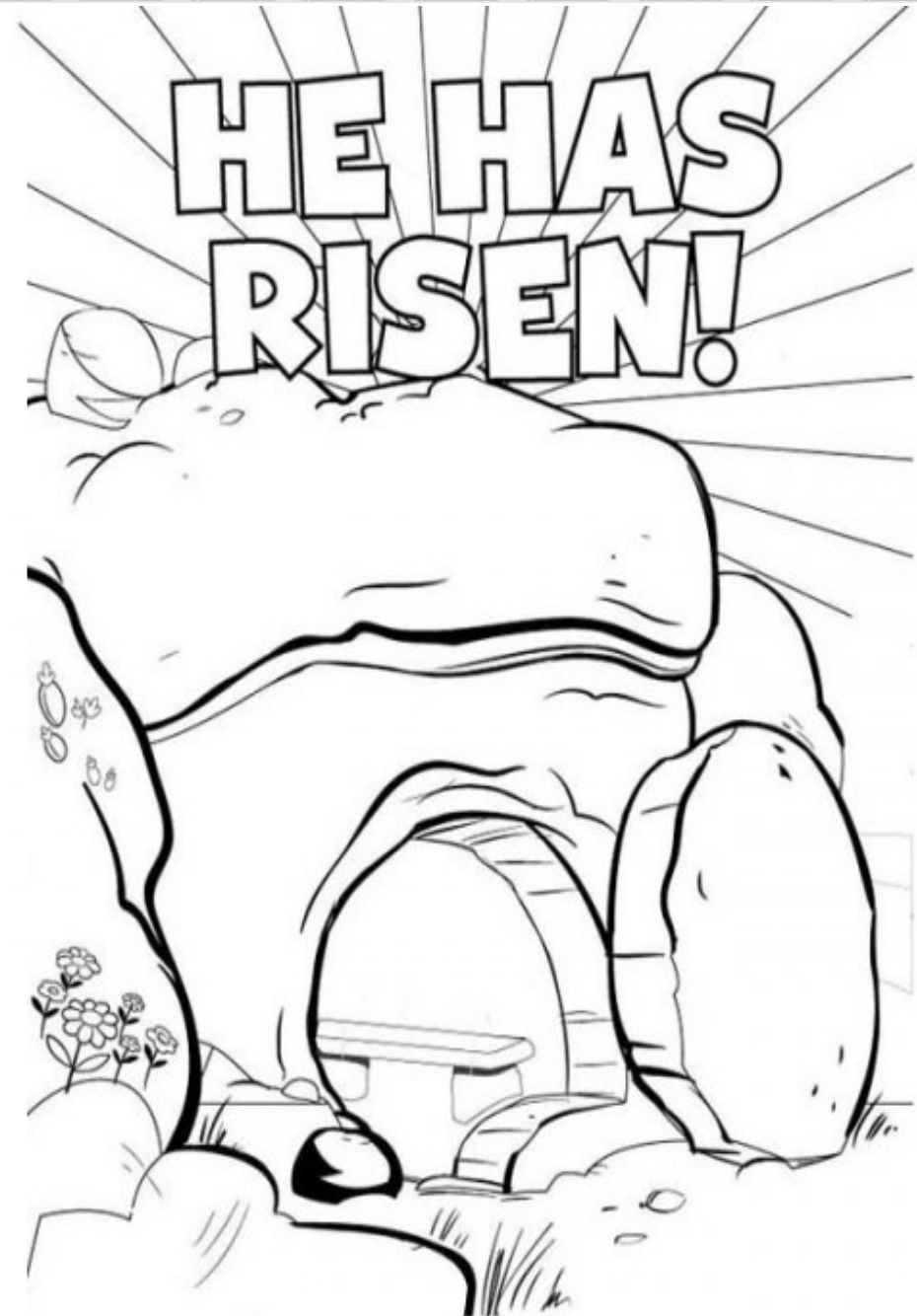
Pastor Jim Vacation: Pastor Jim will be away on vacation after Easter from 4/1 to 4/8. Pastor Earle will lead worship on 4/7 and will cover any pastoral care needs while I'm away. He can be reached at 302-841-1305.



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 set-up 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

VBS Registration: SCUBA Vacation Bible School Registration opens April 1st!! Students from pre-k 4 (4 years old by 8/1/23) to completed 5th grade are invited to join us for a fun filled week diving into friendship with God. SCUBA VBS will take place Monday June 29th to Thursday August 1st from 9:00 am to 12:00 noon. Registration link can be found on bethellewes.org under the information tab. Contact Katie Davis for more information; kdavis4786@gmail.com

CHILDREN'S PAGE



Who Wants to Come to A Paint Party?



Lewes Antiques & Home Décor Show & Sale Committee
Presents • Artist • Bethel's Terre Walton
TWO Paint Nights!

April 8 • Monday • 6:30 – 9 pm

April 10 • Wednesday • 6:30 – 9 pm

*Sign up online or forms can be found in the back of
fellowship hall/sanctuary. Please include payment*

Bethel Fellowship Hall
\$40 • 20 Participants Per Night

Proceeds to benefit the Antiques Show/Sale



Our Peninsula-Delaware General Conference delegation is hosting a presentation and listening session on Wednesday, April 10 at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom. A link will be sent out via Bethel's eblast when it is distributed by conference email. Please make every effort to attend if you would like to know more of what's happening at a General Church level. If you are unable to make this session, a link for the recoding will be sent out after the session.

If you would like to learn more about General Conference in the United Methodist Church, please use the following link: <https://www.pen-del.org/newsdetail/a-beginner-s-guide-to-general-conference-18315378>



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