

## Genesis 15:1-6 NIV

<sup>1</sup> After this, the word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision: “Do not be afraid, Abram. I am your shield, your very great reward.” <sup>2</sup> But Abram said, “Sovereign Lord, what can you give me since I remain childless and the one who will inherit my estate is Eliezer of Damascus?” <sup>3</sup> And Abram said, “You have given me no children; so a servant in my household will be my heir.” <sup>4</sup> Then the word of the Lord came to him: “This man will not be your heir, but a son who is your own flesh and blood will be your heir.” <sup>5</sup> He took him outside and said, “Look up at the sky and count the stars—if indeed you can count them.” Then he said to him, “So shall your offspring be.” <sup>6</sup> Abram believed the Lord, and he credited it to him as righteousness.

## Romans 7:15-25 NIV

<sup>15</sup> I do not understand what I do. For what I want to do I do not do, but what I hate I do. <sup>16</sup> And if I do what I do not want to do, I agree that the law is good. <sup>17</sup> As it is, it is no longer I myself who do it, but it is sin living in me. <sup>18</sup> For I know that good itself does not dwell in me, that is, in my sinful nature. For I have the desire to do what is good, but I cannot carry it out. <sup>19</sup> For I do not do the good I want to do, but the evil I do not want to do—this I keep on doing. <sup>20</sup> Now if I do what I do not want to do, it is no longer I who do it, but it is sin living in me that does it. <sup>21</sup> So I find this law at work: Although I want to do good, evil is right there with me. <sup>22</sup> For in my inner being I delight in God’s law; <sup>23</sup> but I see another law at work in me, waging war against the law of my mind and making me a prisoner of the law of sin at work within me. <sup>24</sup> What a wretched man I am! Who will rescue me from this body that is subject to death? <sup>25</sup> Thanks be to God, who delivers me through Jesus Christ our Lord! So then, I myself in my mind am a slave to God’s law, but in my sinful nature a slave to the law of sin.

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

April 12, 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



April 12, 2026  
8:00 & 11:00 a.m. Service

## GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

Prelude: "Crown Him with Many Crowns" arr. Hegarty

Greeting & Announcements

\*Call to Worship:

- Leader: Who will save us from the ways of death?  
**People: Jesus Christ our risen Lord; Alleluia!**
- Leader: Who will rescue us from the law of sin and death?  
**People: In Jesus, the weak are made strong; Alleluia!**
- Leader: Lord, we are honest about our weakness, acknowledging that we often fail to do the good we desire.  
**People: We are caught in the battle between our desires and our actions.**
- Leader: We don't do the things we want to, and do the things we don't want to do.  
**People: But through Jesus, we have the power to overcome the bondage of sin that entangles our flesh.**
- Leader: We give thanks, Lord, for the grace that flows from the cross,  
**People: By Your grace raise us above our failings and shortcomings; to the comforting assurance of hope and redemption.**

## GIVE PRAISE TO GOD

\*Opening Hymn: "He Lives".....#310

Opening Prayer: *We praise You, Lord Jesus Christ Who in Your glorious resurrection, have conquered sin and death. We praise and thank You for Your great gift of salvation, through Jesus Who invites us to be His disciples. We give thanks that by Your Grace we do not have to justify ourselves, nor sanctify ourselves; but are invited to grow to maturity in Christlikeness through Jesus Who enables and strengthens us. Help us to grow in grace and in an understanding of how to live the Christian life, to Your praise and glory through Jesus Who taught us to pray...*

APRIL 12—APRIL 19

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| <b>Sunday</b>    | 8:00 a.m.<br>9:15 a.m.<br>9:30 a.m.<br>11:00 a.m.                           | Traditional Worship Live - Sanctuary<br>Contemporary Worship -Come Alive Time - Sanctuary<br>Sunday School - Various Rooms<br>Traditional Worship Live - Sanctuary   |
| <b>Monday</b>    | 6:30 p.m.   | <b>Joyce Mentzer's Sabbath</b><br>Bible Study of Ruth - PMH  |
| <b>Tuesday</b>   | 9:30 a.m.<br>6:00 p.m.<br>6:30 p.m.<br>7:00 p.m.                            | Sue Sprague Bible Study - PMH<br>"J" Crew - Music Room<br>Trustees Meeting - PMH<br>YM <sup>2</sup> - Music Room   |
| <b>Wednesday</b> | 6:00 p.m.<br>6:30 p.m.<br>7:00 p.m.   | King's Kids - Music Room<br>Missions Team Meeting - PMH<br>First Towne Ringers - Music Room  |
| <b>Thursday</b>  | 1:00 p.m.<br>6:00 p.m.<br>7:15 p.m.   | Kay Poole Bible Study - PMH<br>Miracle Singers - BFH<br>Chancel Choir - Music Room   |
| <b>Friday</b>    |   | <b>Pastor Jim's Sabbath</b><br><b>Ray Davis's Sabbath</b>  |
| <b>Sunday</b>    | 8:00 a.m.<br>9:15 a.m.<br>9:30 a.m.<br>11:00 a.m.<br>5:00 p.m.<br>6:30 p.m. | Traditional Worship Live - Sanctuary<br>Contemporary Worship -Come Alive Time - Sanctuary<br>Sunday School - Various Rooms<br>Traditional Worship Live - Sanctuary<br>Confirmation Class - PMH<br>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



PRAYER LIST 4/12/2026

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

**Rehabilitation:** David Hurlock, Paul Webb

**Hospital:** Dwayne Henry, Martha Rougeux, **Brian Welch**

**Hospice:** Gary Arrell, Norah Atkins, Larry Bonbrake, Rosemary Bouvier, Brenda Keith, Sharon Messinger, Mrs. Sample, Barbara Starkweather, Jim Willhite

**General Concerns:** Meg Anderson, Andy Baker, Marilyn Battiste, Craig Blythe, Billie Ann Buckaloo, Bryce, Donna Carr, Paula Carridan, Tracy Carson, John & Linda Catanzaro, Brian Christian & Family, Christina, Danielle Cook, Joelle Criswell, Kathy Crowley, Cathy Crown, Scott Dailey, Jessi Ferree, **Bridget Fowler**, Bill Gibbons, **Giovanna** (Sister of Mauro De Mederios), Raven Hudson, Ida ( Sister in-Law of Tina Eaton), Kelly Jones, Kelly Lahorcek, Al Lopez, Mason, Pat McMillen, Ann Miller, Ginny Mitchell, June Myers, Nancy & Daniel, **Marian Norwood**, **Brody O'Neill**, Kelly Pinsky, Beth Rampson, Naomi Rickards, Sylvia Ritchie, Bruce Sheppard, Cindi Flahive-Sobel, Steven, Danny & Debbie Summers, Linda Sydell & Family

**Long Term:** Ansalvish 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**, Dan Carrier, 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, Jeanne Hafer, George Hammond, Jack Harrison, Kelly Harp, Heather & Indy, Nancy Hecker, 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, **Nancy** (Friend of Janine Phillips) 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, Ray Quillen, Steve Rellihan, Beth Rinker, Carla Robinson, Tom Schaich, Mary Louise Scott, John Schulze, Bill Seitz, Denny Shultz, 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:**

**Recovering From Procedures:** Elaine Bramante, **Jim Emanuel**, Bruno locona, **Jay Kennedy**, Donna LaValle, **Patty Marvel**, Amber Penuel, Dick Plambeck, Jodie Reynolds, Dale Stough

**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 Tommy Marshall who passed on 4/5**
- Family & Friends of Ralph Williams, who passed on 3/11.

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.*

**LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD**

Joys & Concerns and Pastoral Prayer

God's Tithes and our Offerings

Offertory (8): "Praeludium In D" by Bach

(11): "How Marvelous Are the Works" by Angerman/Martin

\*Doxology.....#94

Hymn of Preparation: "Jesus Is All the World to Me".....#469

Scripture Lessons: Genesis 15:1-6  
Romans 7:15-25

Message "I Heard it on the Radio" Earle Baker, Visitation Pastor

**GO FORTH IN GOD'S NAME**

\*Closing Hymn: "Christ is Alive" (Stzs 1,2,4,5).....#318

\*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: "Toccata on 'A Mighty Fortress'" by Raney

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

*The flowers on the altar are given to the Glory of God  
in memory of Orville Myers  
from Diana & Michael Robertson*

*Hearing assistance devices are located at the sound booth.*

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# Come Alive Time WORSHIP

April 12, 2026  
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: "House of the Lord"

Children's Message: "Tug of War"

Joys & Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

Offering: "Amazing Grace / My Chains Are Gone"

## LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD

Scripture Lessons: Genesis 15:1-6  
Romans 7:15-25

Message "Jesus Is All the World to Me" Earle Baker, Visitation Pastor

## GO FORTH IN GOD'S NAME

\*Closing Song: "Who Am I"

\*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.)

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

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Lewes Antiques & Home Décor Show & Sale Sponsorships Forms:

Sponsorships are now being accepted. Sponsorship forms can be found on the Bethel Website, LAHDSS Display Table in lobby, or by clicking on the QR Code. If you pay by check please make check payable to Bethel United Methodist Church and on the memo line please write LAHDSS. Thank you for supporting this very worthy ministry that supports missions and ministries of the church. This year a 10% pledge will go to our friends at



Clothing Our Kids and Family Promise.



### Pasta Dinner and Dessert Auction



**Save the Date!** Coming up on Sunday, May 31st, from 5:30-7:30 will be our famous Pasta Dinner and Dessert Auction. Auctioneer Wade Willson will be back with us again this year! We are asking the congregation to make some beautiful pies, cakes, cookies, etc. for us to auction off that night. We are also asking everyone to come out and join us for this fun event and support the Fuel students.

Tickets are \$10 for adults and kids 10 and under are free.

Reach out to Ray with any questions.

ray@bethellewes.org.



## ANNOUNCEMENTS



### RESCHEDULED Youth Sunday Combined Service - April 26

Save the new date for the COMBINED service on Sunday, April 26, 2026 at 10:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Although our original date was postponed due to

weather issues, our youth are continuing preparations for a worship service that will be sure to inspire. The theme of the day is "FEAR<LESS" and the service will focus on "God's strength in our weakness, God's calm in our storms". Please plan to attend! A traditional 8:00 service will also be available that morning.



**New Member Class:** Are you ready to take the next step on your faith journey? Pastor Jim will be hosting a new membership class on *April 27th from 6pm - 8:30pm* in our Parsonage Meeting House. Pizza will be provided for dinner. Anyone who is ready to join the church or is wanting to learn more about

Bethel and its ministries is welcome to attend. Please RSVP by emailing Pastor Jim at [PastorJim@bethellewes.org](mailto:PastorJim@bethellewes.org).

**Love Offering:** The April Love Offering will benefit Clothing Our Kids. The love offering will support children of Sussex County. Clothing Our Kids mission is to improve the lives of at risk elementary school children by providing them with appropriate school clothing. 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 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 Janet Jack  
 9:15 Bill Gaskill  
 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 Bill Collick  
 9:15 Ray Davis  
 11:00 Joyce Snyder

**Audio Visual Techs:** Ray Davis, Ed Emmett, Norm Macturk,  
 Mauro Medeiros, Todd Mentzer, John Roman Nehrbas


**Miracle Singers:** 9:15 Kim Edmonds, Cathy Ferree, John Harris,  
 Faye Kintz, Patty Marvel, Bill Powell

### Weekly Statistics

Attendance: April 5, 2026: 558 ( 8:00-55; 9:15-327; 11:00-176)  
 Good Friday Cantata: 158

Contributions for April 5, 2026

|                |               |
|----------------|---------------|
| weekly deposit | \$ 20,918.48  |
| weekly budget  | \$ 16,915.18  |
| YTD collection | \$ 291,113.33 |
| YTD budget     | \$ 236,812.52 |



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



## ANNOUNCEMENTS



### OPPORTUNITY TO SERVE PAGE ADDED TO WEBSITE

As a follow up to the Opportunity to Serve Fair, and to encourage everyone to select the organization they wish to serve, information about the non-profit organizations that participated in the Fair has been added to the church website. The link is <https://www.bethellewes.org/get-involved/opportunities-to-serve>. Helping those in need is part of the Methodist faith and tradition. Your tithing of time will be greatly appreciated, even if the amount of time you can devote to helping others is only a few hours.

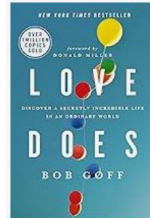


## Bethel Cookbook

The Elizabeth Circle cookbooks are now being processed and printed! We are accepting pre-orders online for our exciting Bethel Cookbook! We will offer in-person ordering later in April.

Through all your dedication, we submitted 356 recipes representing some of the best cooks in Sussex County! This make the largest Bethel cookbook yet!

The cost is \$15 and the profits will be donated to local missions. Please check website for the order form.

**Bethel Men's Ministry Gatherings****Two Opportunities****Every Month!**

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 or both gatherings throughout the month.

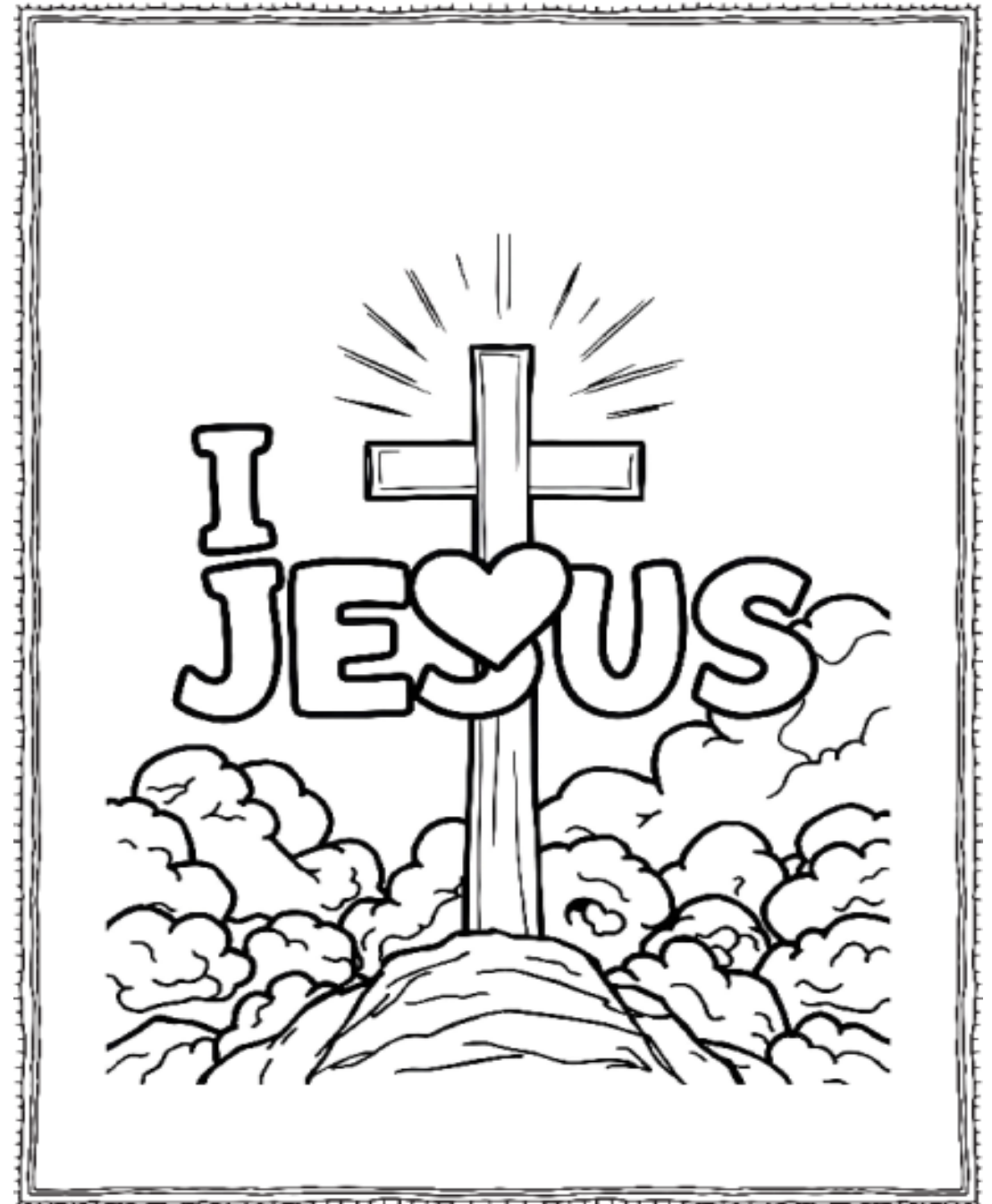
Join us on the **second Sunday of each month** in the **Parsonage Meeting House** from **8:00–8:45AM**. The next two meeting dates will be **May 10 and June 14**.

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, the group meets 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 Apr 22 and May 27**. This group will be using **video-based studies** throughout the year watching and discussing a **Tony Evans series called “Kingdom Heroes.”**

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. Light refreshments will be provided.



## ANNOUNCEMENTS



### Part-Time Maintenance Bethel UM Church Applications Now Being Accepted

#### Job Opportunity as Maintenance Personnel at Bethel UMC

Bethel's Maintenance Personnel, George Pepper, has given notice and will be resigning at the end of April. Therefore, the SPPRC committee is initiating a search for a new maintenance. The Maintenance is responsible for the appearance and cleanliness, maintenance, basic repairs and security of the church buildings and grounds.

#### **Requirements:**

- **Basic knowledge of Carpentry, Plumbing and Electrical knowledge, as well as basic knowledge of cleaning methods and products.**
- **Ability and mechanical understanding of the machines, tools and other special equipment**
- **Ability to lift 40 lbs and have complete mobility in cleaning duties**

**Work Hours:** 17 hours maximum, 4 days a week minimum, an hourly paid position. Prior approval from Trustees required for hours in excess of 17 hours per week.

**Contact the Church Office and we will get you a copy of the job application and job description.**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS



#### **RAINFOREST FALLS VBS - VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!**

Join us Monday, July 27 through Thursday, July 30, 2026 for a memorable week of *Exploring the Nature of God!* Our Rainforest Falls VBS team is beginning to build, and we would love for you to be part of it! We are currently in need of **Adult and Teen Volunteers** for:

- Decoration Team
- Station Leaders
- Station Assistants
- Group Leaders

If you would like to learn more about any of these volunteer positions, please email or see Katie Davis.

We ask that you prayerfully consider becoming part of this wonderful team as we help guide children as they explore what it means to be rooted in a relationship with God!

To volunteer, email Katie Davis at [kdavis4786@gmail.com](mailto:kdavis4786@gmail.com)

We look forward to serving together!

**Rainforest Falls Vacation Bible School Registration:** Registration now open! Students entering Kindergarten Fall of 2026 to completed 5th grade June of 2026 are invited to join us for a fun filled week. Students will step through the mist into Rainforest Falls, overflowing with wild waterfalls, towering trees, and colorful creatures. Beneath a canopy of chattering birds and howling monkeys, kids plunge into a lifelong adventure of discovering the nature of God. They'll explore what it means to be rooted in relationship with God, their creator, a safe place in life's storms.

Rainforest Fall VBS will take place Monday July 27th to Thursday July 30th from 9:00 am to 12:00 noon. Registration link can be found on [bethellewes.org](http://bethellewes.org) under the information tab. Contact Katie Davis for more information; [kdavis4786@gmail.com](mailto:kdavis4786@gmail.com).