

## Acts 4:32-35 NRSV

<sup>32</sup> Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. <sup>33</sup> With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. <sup>34</sup> There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. <sup>35</sup> They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

## Luke 10:25-37 NRSV

<sup>25</sup> An expert in the law stood up to test Jesus. "Teacher," he said, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?" <sup>26</sup> He said to him, "What is written in the law? What do you read there?" <sup>27</sup> He answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind and your neighbor as yourself." <sup>28</sup> And he said to him, "You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live." <sup>29</sup> But wanting to vindicate himself, he asked Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" <sup>30</sup> Jesus replied, "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and took off, leaving him half dead. <sup>31</sup> Now by chance a priest was going down that road, and when he saw him he passed by on the other side. <sup>32</sup> So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. <sup>33</sup> But a Samaritan while traveling came upon him, and when he saw him he was moved with compassion. <sup>34</sup> He went to him and bandaged his wounds, treating them with oil and wine. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. <sup>35</sup> The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, 'Take care of him, and when I come back I will repay you whatever more you spend.' <sup>36</sup> Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?" <sup>37</sup> He said, "The one who showed him mercy." Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise."

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



# Stories

HOW HIS STORY  
CHANGES OUR STORIES

Youth Sunday 2024

APRIL 14

BETHEL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

# Celebration of WORSHIP

April 14, 2024  
8:00 a.m. Service

## GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

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Greeting & Announcements

\*Call to worship:

Leader: Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful.  
**People: *And kindle in them the fire of your love.***  
 Leader: Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created.  
**People: *And you will renew the face of the earth.***

## GIVE PRAISE TO GOD

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\*Opening Hymn: "Morning Has Broken" .....#145 UMH

Opening Prayer: *Almighty God, through your only Son you overcame death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life. Grant that we who celebrate our Lord's resurrection, by the renewing of your Spirit, arise from death of sin to the life of righteousness; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, 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.*

**APRIL 14—APRIL 21**

<b>Sunday</b>	8:00 a.m.	Traditional Worship Live - Sanctuary
	10:30 a.m.	Youth Sunday - BFH
	1:00 p.m.	Grief Share - Sanctuary
	6:30 p.m.	Fuel - PMH
<b>Monday</b>		<b>Joyce Mentzer's Sabbath</b>
	6:00 p.m.	Women's Ministry Bible Study - PMH
	6:00 p.m.	Antiques Show Monthly Meeting - Meeting Room
<b>Tuesday</b>	6:00 p.m.	"J" Crew - Music Room
	6:30 p.m.	Finance Meeting - PMH
	7:15 p.m.	YM2 - Music Room
<b>Wednesday</b>	6:00 p.m.	Kings Kids - Music Room
	6:00 p.m.	Missions Team Meeting - PHM
	7:15 p.m.	First Towne Ringers - Music Room
<b>Thursday</b>	6:00 p.m.	Miracle Singers - BFH
	7:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir - Sanctuary
<b>Friday</b>		<b>Pastor Jim's Sabbath</b>
		<b>Ray Davis's Sabbath</b>
	3:00 p.m.	Bonnie Brantley-Riley Service - Sanctuary
<b>Sunday</b>	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
	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  
4/14/2024

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

**Rehabilitation:** Bonnie Parker, Carla Robinson

**Hospital:**

**Hospice:** *Rosemary Bouvier*, Sharon Messinger, Diana Riley, Mrs. Sample

**General Concerns:** Susan Allen, Gary Arrell, Barbara Arzinger, Diaz Bonnville, Inez Brengle, Sharon Dawson, Devon, Richard Dickey, Dave Elliott, Bri Girard, Mark Henze, Belinda Kahoe, Suzy Kremer, *Quin Liles*, Bill Meyer, Ms. Monica, Sloane Porcaro, Penny Shockley, Crystal Vines

**Long Term:** Bryan Attix, Rev. Gloria Attix, Fran Baker, Ruth Ann Baker, Ginny Barney, Wesley Beam, Gavin Birl, 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, 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, *Jack O'Day*, Lori O'Day, George Pepper, Jodi Potter, Beth Rinker, 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:** Burt Murray, John Schroeder

**Recovering From Procedures:** Lynn Block, Mary Conn, *Bob Dickey*, David Roux, *Edie Sipos*, *Bob Wright*

**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 Donna Smith-Hurst, daughter of Ron & Nancy Smith, who passed away.*

**LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD**

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Joys & Concerns and Pastoral Prayer

God's Tithes and our Offerings

Offertory: *"Fugue in C"* by Bach

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

Hymn of Preparation: *"Fill My Cup, Lord"*.....#641 UMH

Scripture Lesson: Acts 4:32-35

Message "Woven Together" Pastor Jim Penuel

**GO FORTH IN GOD'S NAME**

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\*Closing Hymn: *"Blessed Assurance"*.....#369 UMH

\*Benediction

\*Postlude: ""

*\*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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# CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

April 14, 2024  
10:30 a.m. Service  
Youth Sunday

## GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

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### Greeting & Announcements

#### \*Call to Worship - Katie Costello

Leader: Come, let us worship God together...

**People:** ...for God is great, and worthy of our praise!

Leader: Let us tell the stories of God's power and majesty, God's mighty acts throughout history...

**People:** ...for God is great, and worthy of our praise!

Leader: Let us remember the compassion God has shown toward us; the mercy and unfailing love we have experienced, generation after generation...

**People:** ...for God is great, and worthy of our praise!

Leader: Let us pass these stories along to our friends and neighbors, to our children and grandchildren, so that they, too, may come to know and love our God...

**People:** ...for God is great, and worthy of our praise!

Leader: Praise God from Whom all blessings flow.

**People:** Let us worship God together.

## GIVE PRAISE TO GOD

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#### \*Opening Song: "Doxology - God Be Praised"

#### Opening Prayer - Will Powell

Leader: Almighty God, we bring our stories to this time of worship, and we wait to be transformed by Yours. We bring our faithfulness; shape it with Your grace. We bring our success; shape it with Your generosity. We bring our weaknesses; shape them with Your compassion. We bring our possibilities; shape them with Your hope. We confess, God, that the way is hard, and we are tired. Fill us with Your Spirit. We confess that the way is unclear, and we do not know which path to choose. Fill us with



# NOW HIRING! SUMMER CAMP TEAM MEMBERS

We are looking for positive, enthusiastic, Christian  
SUMMER CAMP COUNSELORS & A KITCHEN/FOOD MANAGER

Camp Hope is located at Conley's United Methodist Church  
33106 Jolyns Way, Lewes, DE 19958



### SUMMER CAMP COUNSELORS POSITIONS

- Camp Counselor (Must be 25+ years old)
- Assistant Camp Counselor (Must be 18+ years old)

### DETAILS TO KNOW!

- Camp Hope is an 8 week summer, day camp for children going into 2nd - 5th grade.
- Positions are part-time: Monday, Tuesday and Thursday from 8:30am -3:30pm.
- Camp Hope meets every Monday, Tuesday and Thursday beginning June 17th and concluding August 8th. Monday and Tuesday activities are held at Conley's United Methodist Church in Lewes, Delaware. Thursdays are Field Trips.

FOR A COMPLETE JOB DESCRIPTION EMAIL [Camphope316@gmail.com](mailto:Camphope316@gmail.com)



### APPLY NOW!

#### PLEASE CONTACT:

Karen Lessey, Camp Director 302-448-9924 [Camphope316@gmail.com](mailto:Camphope316@gmail.com)

Or mail your letter of interest and resume to:

Camp Hope, c/o Conley's UMC, 33106 Jolyns Way, Lewes, DE 19958,

ATTN: Karen Lessey, Camp Director

Questions? Please email Karen at [Camphope316@gmail.com](mailto:Camphope316@gmail.com)



## 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



**Scam Email:** Unfortunately, another wave of scam emails are being sent around in my name. Please know that the only email addresses I use are [umcpastorjp@gmail.com](mailto:umcpastorjp@gmail.com) and [pastorjim@bethellewes.org](mailto:pastorjim@bethellewes.org).

If any other address comes under my name it is not me. These are called email spoofs and there's no amount of

password changing that can fix it unfortunately. People go on our website find my name, and then create a fake email account in order to scam people for gift cards and money. Please know that I would never ask any of you for gift cards or money at any time. Disregard and immediately delete any suspicious emails.

Thank you, Pastor Jim.

Your wisdom. May our worship in this hour be pleasing to You, and may it bless us on our journeys. We pray this in the sacred name of Jesus, who taught us to pray saying:

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

Ministry of Music by the "J" Crew: "My Story"

Children's Message: "Minute to Win It - Parable Edition"

Joys & Concerns with Pastoral Prayer - Pastor Jim Penuel

God's Tithes and our Offerings: "My Alleluia" by Sorenson  
Kayla Sponaugle, soloist  
Katie Costello, flute

Prayer Over the Offering - Mason Fyock

Generous God, we can never repay You, we can only thank You. You are the giver of life, and breath, and every good thing, and we are forever thankful. Receive these offerings as a sign of our gratitude and an act of our commitment to bear witness to Your great story of redemption and hope. Amen.

\*Gospel Lesson: *Luke 10:25-37*

Parker Davis

The Message: "Stories: How HIS Story Changes OUR Story"

Brianna Porter

### GO FORTH IN GOD'S NAME

\*Closing Song: "Blessed Assurance"

\*Benediction - Ray Davis

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



# 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

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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.

## A CALL OUT FOR SEWISTS FROM THE MISSIONS/ELIZABETH CIRCLE TEAM



**This Spring, the Missions/Elizabeth Circle team is heading up a sewing project to make dresses and shorts for the children in Guatemala and the Congo.**



We need people to sew boy's shorts and girl's dresses starting at the end of April.



Kits, to sew at home, will be provided. The kits will be in a **red** bin at the back of Fellowship Hall. When the item(s) are finished, put them in the original pouch and drop off in the **blue** bin in Fellowship Hall.



The shorts kit contains a prewashed fabric piece, elastic, pattern and instructions.



The dress kit contains a t-shirt, cut fabric for the skirt and instructions on how to attach the skirt to the t-shirt.



Fabric donations will continue to be accepted.

Please contact Pam Monti [prmonti@aol.com](mailto:prmonti@aol.com) or Bev Delli Santi [bevdell45@comcast.net](mailto:bevdell45@comcast.net) if you have questions. Thanks!

# ANNOUNCEMENTS



**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.



**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](http://bethellewes.org) to fill out our Volunteer Interest Form or contact Katie Davis at [kdavis4786@gmail.com](mailto: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 July 29th to Thursday August 1st 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)

## Leaders for Today’s Service

**Greeters:** 8:00 Jean Maxwell  
10:30 Miriam Keefer, Bennett Steinmann

**Ushers:** 8:00 Ernie Stanley, Head Usher; Ron Smith Assistant  
10:30 Eli Haschemeyer, Adrianna Kollar, Logan Kollar, Alex Muncie

**Liturgists:** 8:00 Bill Collick  
10:30 Katie Costello, Parker Davis, Mason Fyock, Will Powell

**Audio Visual Techs:** 8:00 Norm Macturk  
10:30 Ethan Curry, Ed Emmett, Todd Mentzer

**Youth Music Ministry:** Katie Costello, Katie Curry, Marley Fyock, Mason Fyock, Miriam Keefer, John Roman Nehrbus, Liv Nehrbus, Brianna Porter, Kayla Sponaugle, Owen Sponaugle

**“J” Crew Members:** Kailynn Allen, Makena Carmine, Christopher Dunson, Lincoln Fyock, Ainsley Garrity, Cora Hershelman, Claire James, Grayson Lanan, Henry Lowe, Alex Mavity, Jane Mavity, Maisie MacGowan, Brady Mills, Elizabeth Mills, Fiona Nehrbus, Lily Penuel, Joey Petito, Julia Petito

## Weekly Statistics

Attendance: April 7, 2024: 257 ( 8:00-48; 9:15-142; 11:00-67)

Contributions for April 7, 2024














weekly deposit	\$ 22,937.32
weekly budget	\$ 15,487.83
YTD collection	\$ 258,394.93
YTD budget	\$ 232,317.45



To enroll, click on the “Giving” tab on the Church’s website.

Fill in the blanks of Jesus' Parable of the Two Builders by finding the words with the matching pictures below.

MATTHEW 7:24-25

"Anyone who  \_\_\_\_\_ to my  \_\_\_\_\_ and  \_\_\_\_\_ it is  \_\_\_\_\_, like a person who  \_\_\_\_\_ a house on  \_\_\_\_\_  \_\_\_\_\_. The  \_\_\_\_\_ will come down, the  \_\_\_\_\_ will rise, and the  \_\_\_\_\_ will blow. But the  \_\_\_\_\_ will not fall because it is built on  \_\_\_\_\_  \_\_\_\_\_."

 **WATER**

 **HOUSE**

 **WISE**

 **FOLLOWS**

 **WIND**

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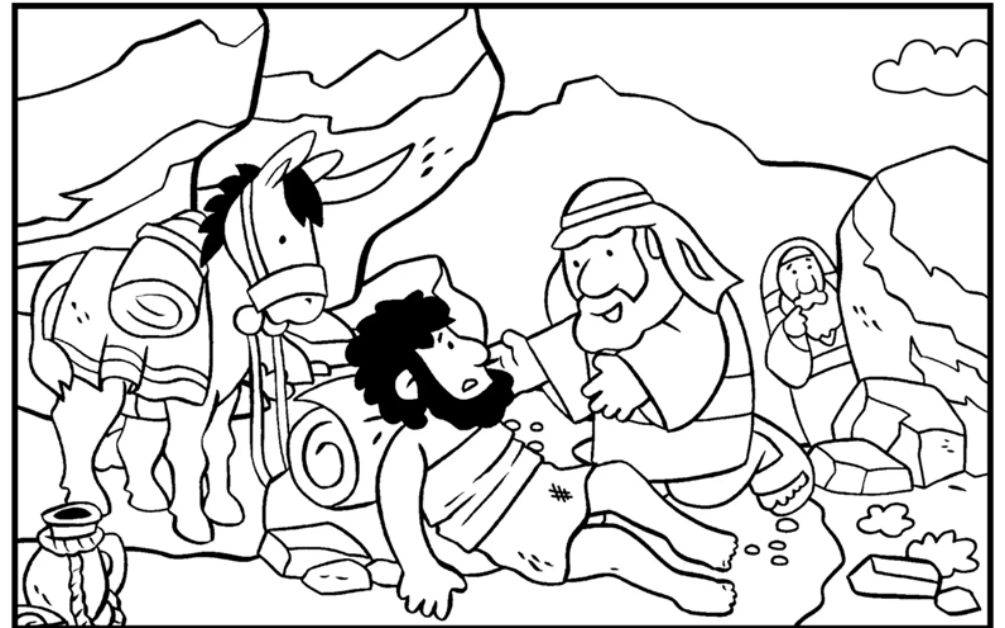
 **LISTENS**

 **SOLID**

 **TEACHING**

 **ROCK**

Can you spot the 7 differences in the Good Samaritan pictures?



Answers: Donkey's hooves, rope on jar, spot on garment, Levite's belt, pebbles, grass on rock, cloud