

## TODAY'S SCRIPTURES

(8:00) Exodus 20:10-13 NRSVUE

But the seventh day is a Sabbath to the Lord your God; you shall not do any work—you, your son or your daughter, your male or female slave, your live-stock, or the alien resident in your towns. For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but rested the seventh day; therefore the Lord blessed the Sabbath day and consecrated it. “Honor your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the Lord your God is giving you. “You shall not murder.

(10:30) Isaiah 43:1-3a NRSVA

“But now thus says the Lord, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine. When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you. For I am the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior.”

(10:30) Mark 4:35-41 NRSVA

“On that day, when evening had come, he said to them, ‘Let us go across to the other side.’ And leaving the crowd behind, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was. Other boats were with him. A great gale arose, and the waves beat into the boat, so that the boat was already being swamped. But he was in the stern, asleep on the cushion; and they woke him up and said to him, ‘Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?’ He woke up and re-buked the wind, and said to the sea, ‘Peace! Be still!’ Then the wind ceased, and there was a dead calm. He said to them, ‘Why are you afraid? Have you still no faith?’ And they were filled with great awe and said to one another, ‘Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?’”

Leader: This is the Word of God, for the people of God.

All: *Thanks be to God!*

- YOUTH SUNDAY COMBINED SERVICE -

# FEAR < LESS

GOD'S STRENGTH IN OUR WEAKNESS  
GOD'S CALM IN OUR STORMS

*“Fear not, for I have redeemed you...  
When you pass through the waters, I will be with you...  
For I am the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior.”*

ISAIAH 43:1b-3a

BETHEL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

APRIL 26, 2026

10:30 am

# Worship

Celebration of

April 26, 2026  
8:00 a.m. Service

## GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

Prelude: "Eagles' Wings" arr. Hayes

Greeting & Announcements

\*Call to Worship:

Leader: All heaven and earth proclaim the majesty of God's creative power!

People: **Praise God for the amazing and awesome beauty.**

Leader: God has given to us codes by which to live together in harmony and peace.

People: **In these commandments, God has summed up the ways we must respect one another.**

Leader: Rejoice in the goodness of God and find peace and rest.

People: **Praise God for God's complete and steadfast love for us. Amen.**

## GIVE PRAISE TO GOD

\*Opening Hymn: "O How I Love Jesus".....#170

Opening Prayer: *Heavenly Father, we thank You for the gift of rest and Your command to keep the Sabbath day holy, set apart for You. Teach us to honor You by resting from our labor and giving our burdens to you. Help us to honor all life, reflecting Your character in all we do. 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.*

APRIL 26—MAY 3

|                  |                                |                                                   |
|------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Sunday</b>    | 8:00 a.m.                      | Traditional Worship Live - Sanctuary              |
|                  | 10:30 a.m.                     | Youth Sunday Service - BFH                        |
|                  | 6:30 p.m.                      | Fuel - PMH                                        |
| <b>Monday</b>    | <b>Joyce Mentzer's Sabbath</b> |                                                   |
|                  | 6:00 p.m.                      | New Member Orientation - PMH                      |
| <b>Tuesday</b>   | 9:30 a.m.                      | Sue Sprague Bible Study - PMH                     |
|                  | 6:00 p.m.                      | J. Crew - Music Room                              |
| <b>Wednesday</b> | 6:00 p.m.                      | King's Kids - Music Room                          |
|                  | 7:00 p.m.                      | First Towne Ringers - Music Room                  |
| <b>Thursday</b>  | 1:00 p.m.                      | Kay Poole Bible Study - PMH                       |
|                  | 6:00 p.m.                      | Miracle Singers - BFH                             |
|                  | 7:15 p.m.                      | Chancel Choir - Music Room                        |
| <b>Friday</b>    | <b>Pastor Jim's Sabbath</b>    |                                                   |
|                  | <b>Ray Davis's Sabbath</b>     |                                                   |
| <b>Sunday</b>    | 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              |
|                  | 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



PRAYER LIST 4/26/2026

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

**Rehabilitation:** David Hurlock, Paul Webb

**Hospital:** Mike Beaucheman, Dwayne Henry, John Horne

**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, 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, Chandler Fox, Joan Fox, Gaulip Family, Bill Gibbons, Giovanna, Raven Hudson, Ida, Kelly Jones, Kelly Lahorcek, Al Lopez, Mason, Pat McMillen, Ann Miller, Ginny Mitchell, June Myers, Bob Nicholson, Marian Norwood, Brody O'Neill, Kelly Pinsky, Beth Rampson, Naomi Rickards, 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, William "Bill" Johnson, 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, Peter (Brother of Pauline Powell), Earl Peters, Dick Plambeck, Jodi Potter, Ray Quillen, Steve Rellihan, Beth Rinker, Carla Robinson, Martha Rougeux, 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, Bruno locona, Jay Kennedy, Donna LaValle

**Other:**

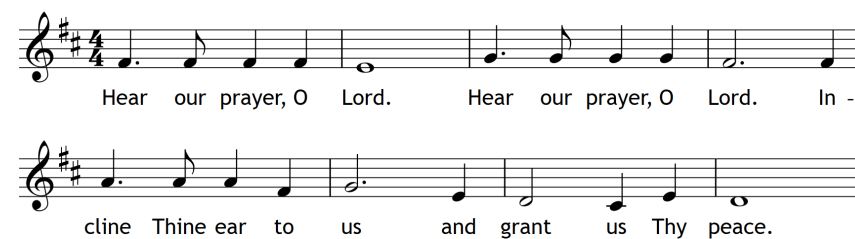
- The people of Iran and Venezuela.
- All those caring for family and friends, especially spouses and those that have lost a child.
- Delaware Firefighters, EMS, and State Troopers.
- For racial justice in the United States.

**Sympathy to:**

- Family & Friends of Sandra Workman, wife of David Workman, who passed on 4/18 from Endometrial cancer
- Family & Friends of Leonard Leon who passed on 4/18 from a long battle with cancer
- Family & Friends of Heather Thomas, daughter of Jim & Kathy Weiss who passed away
- Family & Friends of Ed Keefer, Husband of Susie & Father of Miriam, who passed 4/15.
- Family & Friends of Billie Ann Buckaloo, who died on April 6.

**LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD**

Joys & Concerns and Pastoral Prayer (with response)



God's Tithes and our Offerings

Offertory: "Andante" by Mendelssohn

\*Doxology:.....#94

Hymn of Preparation: "Near to the Heart of God".....#472

Scripture Lesson: Exodus 20:10-13

Message "Catch Our Breath, Pray It Through" Pastor Jim Penuel

**GO FORTH IN GOD'S NAME**

\*Closing Hymn: "Happy the Home When God Is There".....#445

\*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: "Fugue in C" by Bach

*\*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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# Worship

Celebration of

April 26, 2026  
10:30 a.m. Service  
Youth Sunday

## GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

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Greeting & Announcements

Call to Worship - Andy Napoli

Leader: Do you hear it? Jesus is calling - inviting us to walk with Him.

**People: We come, bringing our joys and fears, our victories and our sorrows.**

Leader: Even when doubt creeps in and the path ahead feels uncertain...

**People: We come, trusting that Jesus walks beside us.**

Leader: We do not come because we are fearless...

**People: We come because Christ is faithful.**

Leader: We do not come because the storm is small...

**People: We come because our Savior is greater.**

Leader: So let us worship the One who calms our storms and steadies our hearts.

**All: We worship You, Christ Jesus - our Savior, Lord, and King!**

## GIVE PRAISE TO GOD

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\*Opening Song: "Come Thou Almighty King"

Opening Prayer - Julia Petito

Leader: Heavenly Father, we come before You today as one family, gathered in Your name. Help us in this hour of worship to draw closer to Your presence. Open our ears to hear Your voice and our minds to understand Your Word. Empower us to leave this place not divided by differences, but strengthened by Your Spirit - ready to live bravely, love deeply, and serve faithfully. We ask this in the name of Jesus, who taught us to pray, saying...

**All: 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.**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Save The Date

Wednesday, May 6th, 1-2 pm  
Fellowship Hall

Mary Martha Circle is sponsoring a speaker on  
the Topic Stop Human Trafficking.



Our speaker is Sara Poore, Executive Director of the Delaware Anti-Trafficking Action Council. She will highlight the scope of this problem, who is affected, and what is being done to create change.

The purpose of the Delaware Anti-Trafficking Action Council (DATAC) is to bring together all stakeholders who share the same passion and goal to eradicate human trafficking activities in Delaware. Our council is comprised of community partners, service providers, various levels of law enforcement, Department of Justice, and policy level officials.

DATAC is fully committed in leading the nation through comprehensive legislation, strong public awareness and solid partnerships with advocates **throughout our state to address all aspects related to human trafficking.**

This event is open to all church members and anyone who might be interested in learning more about this issue. Please consider attending this very important event as strong public awareness is key to the success of DATAC.

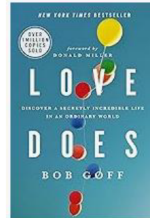
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## **Bethel Men's Ministry Gatherings**

**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.

## **LISTEN TO GOD’S WORD**

Musical Offering by the King’s Kids: “*Jesus Met Their Needs*”

Joys & Concerns and Pastoral Prayer (with response) - Pastor Jim

**Response:** *Hear our prayer, O Lord*

*From the ends of the earth I cry*

*Your peace will lead me to*

*The Rock that is higher than I*

Spring Show Preview by the “J” Crew: “*Heroes of the Faith*”

God’s Tithes and our Offerings:

Prayer over the Offering - Lincoln Fyock

“*No Fear*” presented by the Youth Music Ministry

Solos by John Roman Nehrbas and Owen Sponaugle, and trio by Julia Petito, Elizabeth Mills, and Ma’Kena Carmine-Collick

Children’s Message - Ray Davis and the Youth Music Ministry

“*Jesus Calms the Storm*” a la the “*Gilligan’s Island Theme Song*”

Old Testament Lesson: *Isaiah 43:1b-3a* - Parker Davis

\*Gospel Lesson: *Mark 4:35-41* - Henry Lowe

The Message through Personal Testimony:

Ray Davis

Adrianna Koller

## **GO FORTH IN GOD’S NAME**

\*Closing Song: “*Blessed Assurance*”

\*Benediction & Final Blessing - Ray Davis

Leader: As we depart, may the Peace of Christ be with you.

**People: *May the Peace of Christ be with you.***

*\*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.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS



**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 May Love Offering will benefit Camp Tharros. The love offering will support up to 28 residents who were living in wooded areas. Camp Tharros will provide them with a tent, trash collection, and restrooms until Nov. 30th when Code Purple winter shelters open. Most of its residents are working. Residents must agree to a list of rules in order to live on site - noise isn't allowed after 10 p.m., and no drugs, alcohol or weapons are permitted. Violations can get residents ejected. 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.

# 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.



## Leaders for Today's Service

- Greeters: 8:00 Wanda Zullo  
10:30 Parker Davis, Jackson Davis, Ben Napoli
- Ushers: 8:00 Ernie Stanley, Head Usher; Ron Smith, Assistant  
10:30 Parker Davis, Eli Haschemeyer, Logan Kollar
- Liturgists: 8:00 Mary Lou Warren  
10:30 Andy Napoli, Julia Petito, Lincoln Fyock, Parker Davis, Henry Lowe
- Audio Visual Techs: 8:00 Norm Macturk  
10:30 Todd Mentzer, Drew Fyock, Lauren Mentzer
- Youth Music Ministry: Ma'Kena Collick-Carmine, Katie Curry, Marley Fyock, Lincoln Fyock, Miriam Keefer, Henry Lowe, Alex Mavity, Elizabeth Mills, Andy Napoli, John Roman Nehrbas, Liv Nehrbas, Julia Petito, Owen Sponaule
- "J" Crew members: Jackson Davis, Ainsley Garrity, Henry Hudson, Charlie Jackewicz, Claire James, Grayson Lanan, Jane Mavity, Molleigh McManus, Fiona Nehrbas, Lily Penuel, Hazel Shamenek
- King's Kids members: JJ Cahill, Sophia Cahill, Foster Carter, Makenzie Davis, Alexander Hudson, Leo Hudson, Benjamin Jackewicz, Elle James, Madelyn McManus, Marlowe Meluney, Harper Messina, Lydia Penuel, Elise Sarik, Levi Shamenek, Nora Shuttleworth, Lilly Weidman, Halo Zickgraf

## Weekly Statistics

Attendance: April 19, 2026: 345 ( 8:00-55; 9:15-190; 11:00-100)

Contributions for April 19, 2026

|                |               |
|----------------|---------------|
| weekly deposit | \$ 15,629.00  |
| weekly budget  | \$ 16,915.18  |
| YTD collection | \$ 318,048.63 |
| YTD budget     | \$ 270,642.88 |



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

## Note Sheet


Catch Our Breath, Pray It Through

Exodus 20:10-13

4/26/26

1. The reason why God rested on the 7<sup>th</sup> day is to show all of us, and all of creation, that we need \_\_\_\_\_.
2. Not only is Sabbath rest important because our bodies need energy and recharging, but Sabbath rest is considered \_\_\_\_\_.
3. Sabbath doesn't just happen, but we have to \_\_\_\_\_ ourselves for it.
4. We honor God by taking a Sabbath rest because we know and \_\_\_\_\_ that God will always provide for our needs.
5. The way we turn our burdens and cares over to God is through \_\_\_\_\_.
6. Max Lucado quote, "Worry is the interest we pay on a \_\_\_\_\_ life."
7. Through it all, God is \_\_\_\_\_ and will provide.

Scripture reading for further reference: Genesis 2:1-3, Exodus 20:1-11, Hebrews 4:15-16.

Note: You may access the Digital Sermon Note Page by scanning the QR Code 



## Bethel Cookbook

The Elizabeth Circle cookbooks are now being processed and printed! We are accepting pre-orders for our exciting Bethel Cookbook! Please stop by our display table in the lobby.

Through all your dedication, we submitted 356 recipes representing some of the best cooks in Sussex County! This makes 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 or at the display table.



**Elizabeth Circle Meeting Update:** Elizabeth Circle will combine with Mary Martha circle on Wednesday, May 6 at 1 p.m. to hear the presentation on Human Trafficking. We will not be meeting on Tuesday, May 5. We will, however, be collecting our non-perishable goods at the May 6 meeting in preparation for our visit to the Delaware Food Bank in June.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS



### Envelope Fundraiser for the Fuel Mission Trip

The Envelope fundraiser has begun today! This fundraiser will bring in 60% of the money we need to make our trip to Washington, DC possible this summer. This is how it works: There are envelopes numbered from 1-100 in the Lobby. You will decide how much money you would like to donate to these students for their trip and take that number envelope. So, if you want to donate \$10 to the trip, you take the #10 envelope. If you want to donate \$98, you take the #98 envelope and so on. If you want to donate more than \$100, you can combine envelopes. Then you can write a check to Bethel UMC or add cash and return the envelope to the offering plate in the original numbered envelope. Our goal is to have all the envelopes gone by the middle of May. Please contact Ray for more information.



**New Prayer Team at Bethel:** Our prayer team will undertake an important ministry here at Bethel. They will pray for the missions and ministries of our church, the prayer requests that come through each week, help plan and prepare prayer services/activities, provide intercessory prayer, and help distribute prayer shawls. Our prayer team consists of the following members: Joyce Snyder, Rev. Tom Herrick, Marylin Emanuel, Susie Keefer, Tina Eaton, Patty Marvel, and Rev. Anne Pruett- Barnett.

**Paper Towel/Wrapping Paper Tubes Update:** Thank you for your generosity in collecting paper tubes for our VBS decorating needs. We officially have enough! Stay tuned for more VBS decorating and supply needs in the coming month. As always, the Bethel Congregation has been generous and supportive of our children's ministries; You are appreciated!

## CHILDREN'S PAGE

### “F” is for FEAR

Jesus and His disciples were sailing on the Sea of Galilee when a storm blew in. The disciples were filled with fear, but Jesus wasn't afraid – He was asleep! The disciples woke Jesus up and said, “Don't you care if we drown?” Jesus got up and calmed the wind and the waves.

Use a crayon to color in all of the boxes containing the letter F. Then transfer the remaining letters (left to right starting on the top line) into the spaces below to find out what Jesus said to the wind and the waves.

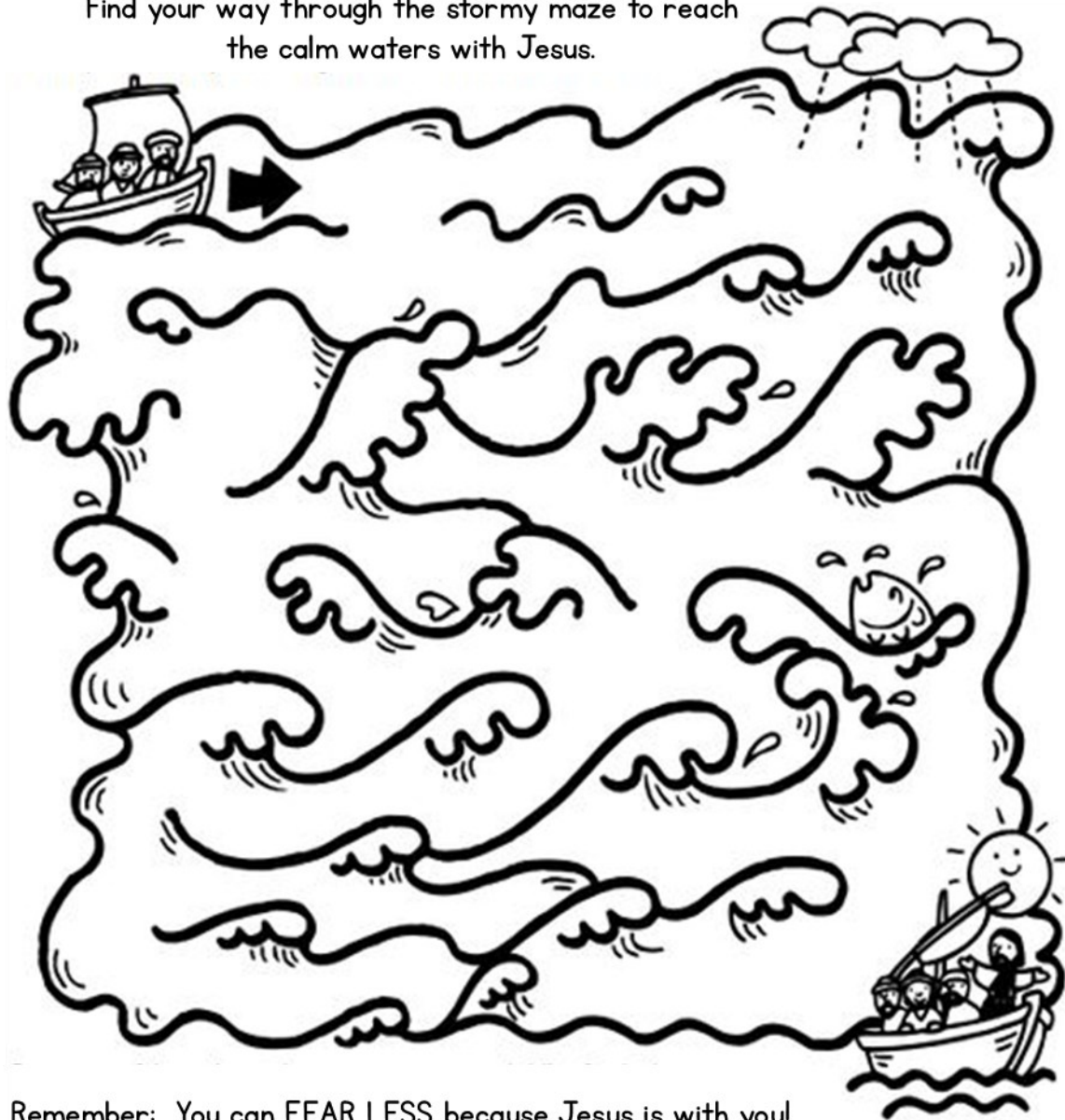
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## Jesus Calms the Storm

Find your way through the stormy maze to reach the calm waters with Jesus.



9 Remember: You can FEAR LESS because Jesus is with you!



### 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).