

## James 5:13-18 NRSVUE

<sup>13</sup> Are any among you suffering? They should pray. Are any cheerful? They should sing songs of praise. <sup>14</sup> Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord. <sup>15</sup> The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up, and anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven. <sup>16</sup> Therefore confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective. <sup>17</sup> Elijah was a human like us, and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth. <sup>18</sup> Then he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain, and the earth yielded its harvest.

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

**May 10, 2026**  
**Mother's Day**



*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

May 10, 2026  
8:00 & 11:00a.m. Service

## GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

Prelude: "It Is Well With My Soul" arr. Bock

Greeting & Announcements

\*Call to Worship:

Leader: Come, God gathers us for worship, like a mother eagle gathers her brood under her wings.

People: **Our God, loving, nurturing.**

Leader: In love, God saves and supports us, teaching us the way we should go.

People: **Trusting in God, we continually offer our praise!**

## GIVE PRAISE TO GOD

\*Opening Hymn: "How Firm a Foundation" .....#529

Opening Prayer: *Holy God, we thank you for the love and prayers of our mothers and those who have served in a motherly role in our lives. May those prayers continue to bless us, sustain us, and renew us everyday. Let us continue to seek You all our days, that You would mold us and shape into the people of love and prayer we're meant to be. 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.*



**Sunday**  
8:00 a.m. Traditional Worship Live - Sanctuary  
8:00 a.m. Bethel Men's Group - PMH  
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

**Monday** *Joyce Mentzer's Sabbath*

**Tuesday**  
9:30 a.m. Sue Sprague Bible Study - PMH  
6:00 p.m. "J" Crew - Music Room  
6:30 p.m. Trustees Meeting - PMH

**Wednesday**  
10:30 a.m. Women's Ministry Meeting - PMH  
6:00 p.m. King's Kids - Music Room  
7:00 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*

**Saturday** 10:00 a.m. Spring Musical Rehearsal - BFH

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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  
6:30 p.m. Spring Musical - BFH

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 5/10/2026

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

**Rehabilitation:** Mike Beaucheman, David Hurlock, Paul Webb

**Hospital:** Ruth Doughtary, Dwayne Henry, John Horne, Kevin Toohey

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

**General Concerns:** John Andalaria, Meg Anderson, Andy Baker, Scott Dailey, Bridget Fowler, Chandler Fox, Joan Fox, Bill Gibbons, Giovanna, Raven Hudson, Ida, Mason, Ginny Mitchell, June Myers, Bob Nicholson, Marian Norwood, Brody O'Neill, Kelly Pinsky, Bruce Sheppard, Steven, Danny Summers, Debbie Summers

**Long Term:** Ansalvish Family, Bryan Attix, Rev. Gloria Attix, Fran Baker, Matthew Baker, Ruth Ann Baker, Ginny Barney, Wesley Beam, Dave Beddle, Nancy Bektolino, Daryl Bradley, Elaine Bramante, Inez Brengle, Dale Buckwalter, Dan Carrier, Liz Carrier, Janette Clavette, Victor Colon, Rev. Charles Covington, Jay Dentino, Bob Dickey, Richard Dickey, Jim & Marilyn Emanuel, Pat Emmett, Tom Engel, Olga Fitch, Frank Fitzgerald Sr, Michael Gallagher, Peggy Gastner, Gayle Gibbons, Danny Gillespie, Hazel Gillespie, Jude Gray, Jeanne Hafer, George Hammond, Kelly Harp, Heather & Indy, Nancy Hecker, Jack Henriksen, Jim Hooban, David Jones, Erika Jones, Chubby Joseph, Deb Kellenbenz, Adam Kent, Faye Kintz, Norm Kugel, Janice Kulp, Donna LaValle, Paulette Lazarro, Nancy Logan, Bill Lyons, Rob MacArthur, Dr. Jim Marvel, Patty Marvel, Medhi, Claranne Meitrott, Stephen Metler, 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, Peter (Brother of Pauline Powell), Earl Peters, Dick Plambeck, Ray Quillen, Beth Rampson, 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, Pat (Huff) Stinger, Margaret Stockslager, Dale Stough, James Taylor, Peggy Thomas, Dave Trout, Dawn Vandegrift, Kathy Watson, Kathy Wetherhold-Parrott, Hilda Williams, Trish Wilson, Woody Wilson, Theresa Wise, Lucretia Y., Marge Zayatz

**Up Coming Procedures:**

**Recovering From Procedures:** Tom Santaferra

**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 Bobby Yarnall, who passed away on 5/1.
- Family & Friends of Sandra Workman, wife of David Workman, who passed on 4/18. Service for Sandra will be May 14th at 3pm at Bethel with a visitation half hour prior.
- Family & Friends of Robin Yarnall, who passed on 4/18.

**LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD**

Joys & Concerns and Pastoral Prayer (with response)

*"Hear our prayer, O Lord. Hear our prayer, O Lord. Incline Thine ear to us and grant us Thy peace."*

God's Tithes and our Offerings

Offertory (8): *"Peace"* by Englert

(11): *"Let Us Pray for Peace"* by Keesecker presented by the Men's Chorus

\*Doxology:.....#94

\*Hymn of Preparation: *"What a Friend We Have in Jesus"*.....#526

Scripture Lesson: James 5:13-18

Message *"A Foundation of Prayer"* Pastor Jim Penuel

**GO FORTH IN GOD'S NAME**

\*Closing Hymn: *"Precious Name"*.....#536

\*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 in G"* by Dubois

*\*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



May 10, 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 Songs of Praise & Worship: *"Love the Lord"*  
*"Honey In the Rock"*

Children's Message: *"The Gift of Love and Prayer"*

Joys & Concerns and Pastoral Prayer (with 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.*

Offering: *"Faithful Now"*

## LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD

Scripture Lesson: James 5:13-18

Message: *"A Foundation of Prayer"* Pastor Jim Penuel

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\*Closing Song: *"What a Friend / He Loves Us"*

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS



### Bethel Cookbooks Are In!!!

If you've already preordered and paid for your cookbook, they will be available for pickup in the lobby today

from 8:45am-12:30pm.

Cookbooks will also be available for purchase at this time.

The cost is \$15 and the profits will be donated to local missions.



**Church Office Summer Hours:** Starting May 26th the church office hours will be Monday, Wednesday & Friday from 10am to noon with the balance of my hours working remotely. If shall need assistance outside of the hours listed above please call the church office and I will call you back as soon as

possible to assist you. Church Office will be open regular hours for the week of Lewes Antiques & Home Decor Show & Sale and will be open for Vacation Bible School.

### Sunday School Update

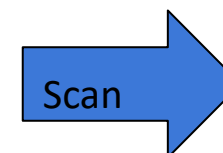
Our last regular Sunday School will be on Sunday May 17th. Please join us this summer for Summer Sunday School starting on May 31st ending on August 30th.

We are looking for volunteers for 2 different classrooms;

2 years old to 1st Grade & 2nd to 5th Grade

Curriculum and supplies are available. Please scan below to follow the link for a sign up or contact Katie Davis at [kdavis4786@gmail.com](mailto:kdavis4786@gmail.com).

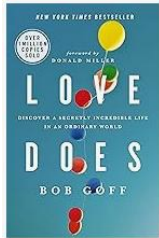
Thank you for a wonderful Sunday School year!



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Bethel Men's Ministry Gatherings

Second Sunday of month, 8:00-8:45am in the Parsonage Meeting House  
Upcoming dates May 10 and June 14



**Love Does** by Bob Goff A collection of 30+ lighthearted, personal stories that illustrate a "proactive faith" where love is an action, not just a feeling. Goff shares whimsical anecdotes—from visiting world leaders to chasing down a law school admission—to encourage readers to stop planning and start acting, showing love to others through practical, hands-on, and often spontaneous, deeds. Light reading – great discussion!

Fourth Wednesday of each month, 7:00-8:30pm at Barry Eaton's home  
Upcoming dates May 27 and June 24



**Kingdom Heroes** by Tony Evans A six-session video study exploring the "Hall of Faith" in Hebrews 11. Filmed at the Museum of the Bible, it examines Old Testament figures like Noah, Abraham, and Rahab to teach how to build an enduring, trust-filled faith during difficult times. The series focuses on breaking cultural norms, navigating trials, and applying biblical principles for a lasting legacy. Are you living out your faith?

*All men of Bethel are invited and encouraged to join us. Even if you haven't been before, we welcome you to check out either/both gatherings. Light refreshments.*

**Please contact Barry Eaton at [1785eaton@gmail.com](mailto:1785eaton@gmail.com) or**

**Ray Davis at [ray@bethellewes.org](mailto:ray@bethellewes.org) for more details.**

### Heartfelt Appreciation from the Keefer Family

The Keefer family wishes to express our sincere thanks for every prayer offered on our behalf. These prayers continue to uplift and sustain us each day, providing comfort during challenging times. We are deeply moved by the hugs, thoughtful words, cards, gifts, and letters we have received. Each kindness touched our hearts and reminded us of the support that surrounds us. We are also very grateful for the meals provided for our family. These meals nourish us and are a sign of the care extended by so many. To us, you have truly been the hands and feet of Christ.

## 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 Phil & Olga Fitch  
 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 Jim Vandegrift  
 9:15 Ray Davis  
 11:00 Nancy Logan
- Audio Visual Techs:** Ray Davis, Ed Emmett, Drew Fyock, Norm Macturk,  
 Mauro Medeiros, Lauren Mentzer, Todd Mentzer,  
 John Roman Nehrbas
- Miracle Singers:** 9:15 Kim Edmonds, Cathy Ferree, John Harris,  
 Patty Marvel, Bill Powell

### Weekly Statistics

Attendance: May 3, 2026: 340 ( 8:00-60; 9:15-162; 11:00-118)

Contributions for May 3, 2026

weekly deposit	\$ 21,537.71
weekly budget	\$ 16,915.18
YTD collection	\$ 353,890.75
YTD budget	\$ 304,473.24



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

## ANNOUNCEMENTS



**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.

### MAINTENANCE ANNOUNCEMENT



Bethel United Methodist Church is pleased to announce the hiring of Todd Mentzer as the person in charge of church maintenance. Todd has been a member for 25 years performing a multitude of wide-ranging projects besides his duties as AV Coordinator. One of the most significant being the Chairperson of the Building Committee for Bethel's capital improvement project. Scripture tells us: "We are not only called to work but to work well, as we are working for God himself. (Colossians 3: 23-24). God is the One who gives us the ability to work (Exodus 31:2-6 ), and it honors Him when we steward these gifts well (Matthew 25:14-36). Our best advice to Todd. "Come work for the Lord. The work is hard, the hours long, and the pay low. But the retirement benefits are out of this world!"



WELCOME TODD

# 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.



**Women's Ministry Meeting:** All women are invited to join us in the parsonage meeting house the second Wednesday of each month at 10:30 a.m. Our next meeting will be May 13th. We warmly welcome you to

13 join us and be a part of this caring, FUN, and active ministry!

# NOTE SHEET

Note Sheet

A Foundation of Prayer

James 5:13-18

5/3/26

1. I want to tell you moms and those that have served in a motherly role in the lives of others: All those prayers \_\_\_\_\_.
2. Prayer is the \_\_\_\_\_ of our spiritual life.
3. Planting the seeds of faith \_\_\_\_\_ will bear fruit in your children's lives forever.
4. If I had to summarize one of the main points of the book of James, it would be the importance of putting our \_\_\_\_\_ into \_\_\_\_\_.
5. James reminds us that calling out to God in prayer is putting our \_\_\_\_\_ into \_\_\_\_\_.
6. There is power in \_\_\_\_\_.
7. May those foundations that our mothers before us have provided continue through \_\_\_\_\_.

Scripture reading for further reflection: James 2, James 5.

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



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### HABITAT FOR HUMANITY WORK DAY - WEDNESDAY, MAY 27



The Methodist Men are again sponsoring a work day with Habitat for Humanity. Our next assigned date is Wednesday, May 27 and we have ten slots to fill. Any adult man or woman is welcome to join our team. You do not need to have any construction experience to contribute. We are always looking for some new faces to join the team. If you would like to participate please email Ron Mead at [rmmead50@gmail.com](mailto:rmmead50@gmail.com). Ron will then forward you the necessary information to sign up with

Habitat and to register for this date.



**Spring Musicale 2026:** The music programs of Bethel UMC cordially invite you to attend the Spring Musicale on Sunday, May 17th at 6:30 pm. The evening will feature a mix of music, drama, and fun presented by the King's Kids and "J" Crew children's choirs, with featured appearances by members of the Youth Music Ministry. There is no price for admission but we encourage

you to bring a non-perishable food item to donate to the Cape Henlopen Food Pantry in lieu of an admission fee. Thanks in advance!

**Annual Conference:** Pastor Jim, Susie Keefer, and our representative to conference Rob Robison will be attending annual conference from May 12th - 14th in Ocean City, MD. Please pray for us and our United Methodist denomination who seeks to live out it's new vision statement: "We are The United Methodist Church, who forms disciples of Jesus Christ who, empowered by the Holy Spirit, love boldly, serve joyfully and lead courageously in local communities and worldwide connections."

## 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).