

Matthew 6:5-15 NRSVUE

⁵ “And whenever you pray, do not be like the hypocrites, for they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and at the street corners, so that they may be seen by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. ⁶ But whenever you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father who is in secret, and your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

⁷ “When you are praying, do not heap up empty phrases as the gentiles do, for they think that they will be heard because of their many words. ⁸ Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need before you ask him. ⁹ “Pray, then, in this way: Our Father in heaven, may your name be revered as holy.

¹⁰ May your kingdom come. May your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

¹¹ Give us today our daily bread. ¹² And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. ¹³ And do not bring us to the time of trial, but rescue us from the evil one. ¹⁴ “For if you forgive others their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you, ¹⁵ but if you do not forgive others, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.

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

May 3, 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

May 3, 2026
8:00 & 11:00a.m. Service

GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

Prelude: "Prayerful Meditation" by Englert

Greeting & Announcements

GIVE PRAISE TO GOD

*Opening Hymn: "Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus".....#514

Opening Prayer: *Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hidden. Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

Invitation: Christ our Lord invites to his table all who love him, who earnestly repent of their sin and seek to live in peace with one another. Therefore, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

Confession: *Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart. We have failed to be an obedient church. We have not done your will, we have broken your law, we have rebelled against your love, we have not loved our neighbors, and we have not heard the cry of the needy. Forgive us we pray. Free us for joyful obedience, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

Words of Pardon

Leader: Hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that proves God's love toward us. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

People: *In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!*

All: Glory to God. Amen.

MAY 3—MAY 10

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
6:30 p.m. Fuel - PMH

Monday
1:00 p.m. **Joyce Mentzer's Sabbath**
6:30 p.m. Prayer Shawl Ministry - Lounge
Bible Study of Ruth - PMH

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

Wednesday
6:00 p.m. King's Kids - Music Room
7:00 p.m. First Towne Ringers - Music Room

Thursdav
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

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
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 5/3/2026

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

Rehabilitation: David Hurlock, Paul Webb

Hospital: Mike Beaucheman, **Ruth Dougharty**, 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: **John Andalora**, 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 Summers** 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, **Pat (Huff) Stinger**, 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, **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 Robin Yarnall, who passed on 4/18.**
- Family & Friends of Sandra Workman, wife of David Workman, who passed on 4/18.
- 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.

LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD

(11) Sacrament of Baptism: Oliver Landyn Bonath & Carson Parker Bonath

(11) Baptism Response: *"I Was There to Hear Your Boring Cry"*..Back cover of hymnal

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): *"Soul of My Savior"* by Englert

(11): *"Our Father"* by Hayes

*Doxology:.....#94

Scripture Lesson: Matthew 6:5-15

Message *"How Does Jesus Teach Us To Pray?"* Pastor Jim Penuel

CELEBRATE THE SACRAMENT

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The Lord's Prayer (sung)

Hymns For Communion: *"Surely the Presence of the Lord"*.....#328

"I Surrender All".....#358

Prayer After Communion: *Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves for others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen*

GO FORTH IN GOD'S NAME

*Closing Hymn: *"Lord, Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing"*.....#671

*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: *"Fanfare in D"* by Lemmens

**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.

Come Alive Time WORSHIP



May 3, 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 of Praise & Worship: *"I Believe"*
Children's Message: *"The Lord's Prayer"*
Joys & Concerns
Pastoral Prayer
Offering: *"Here's My Heart, Lord"*

LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD

Scripture Lesson: Matthew 6:5-15
Message: *"How Does Jesus Teach Us To Pray?"* Pastor Jim Penuel

CELEBRATE THE SACRAMENT

Holy Communion
Song for Communion *"Come to the Table"* with *"There Is Freedom"*

GO FORTH IN GOD'S NAME

*Closing Song: *"The Lord's Prayer / It's Yours"*
*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)

**Those who are able, please stand.*

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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.**

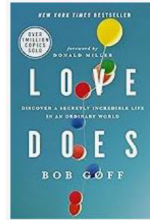
This event is open to all church members and anyone who might be interested in learning more about this issue. Please consider attending this very important event as strong public awareness is key to the success of DATAC.

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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 or

Ray Davis at ray@bethellewes.org for directions or any questions and to let them know you’re planning to attend. Light refreshments will be provided.

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 Linda Gillen
 9:15 Libby Gibson
 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 Herky Billings
 9:15 Ray Davis
 11:00 Cathie Wagner
- 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,
 Faye Kintz, Patty Marvel, Bill Powell

Weekly Statistics

Attendance: April 26, 2026: 372 (8:00-47; 10:30-325)

Contributions for April 26, 2026

weekly deposit	\$ 14,304.41
weekly budget	\$ 16,915.18
YTD collection	\$ 332,353.04
YTD budget	\$ 287,558.06



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

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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

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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.



The Rosebuds on the Altar are in honor of Oliver Landyn Bonath born February 13, 2019. and Carson Parker Bonath born April 15, 2022 These Rosebuds are presented in memory of the late Carolyn Garwood.

NOTE SHEET

Note Sheet

“How Does Jesus Teach Us to Pray?”

Matthew 6:5-15

5/3/26

1. No matter who it was that led you in those prayers and taught you those prayer habits, the _____ we lay for our families are important.
2. The best time to start new prayer habits and to lay the foundation for you and your family is right _____.
3. Prayer isn't so much about the words you say as it is about the _____.

Five Primary Functions of the Lord's Prayer:

1. Addressing the _____ of God.
2. Participation in building God's _____.
3. Addressing our daily _____.
4. To seek and extend _____.
5. Protection from _____.

Scripture reading for further reflection: Luke 11:1-13, 1st Chronicles 29:10-13.

Note: You may access the Digital Sermon Note

Page by scanning the QR Code



The Lord's Prayer

Our Father which art in _____,
 Hallowed be Thy _____.
 Thy _____
 come, Thy Will be done,
 on _____
 as it is in Heaven.

Give us this day our daily _____;
 and forgive us our debts,
 as we _____
 our debtors.

And lead us not into _____,
 but deliver us from _____: For Thine is
 the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
 forever. **Amen.**



Bethel Cookbooks Are In!!!

The Elizabeth Circle cookbooks would like to announce that the Bethel Cookbooks have arrived!!

Through all your dedication, we submitted 356 recipes representing some of the best cooks in Sussex County!

This make the largest Bethel cookbook yet!

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.



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.

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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 Pruettt- 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

The Lord's Prayer

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kingdom	heaven	Heaven	Father
glory	power	debts	bread
earth	Amen	evil	will

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. 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!

Baby Announcement! Callum Paul Faircloth, son of Chris & Zoe Faircloth and newest grandson of Keri Faircloth, was born on April 29th, 2026. He weighed 8 lbs, 1oz and was 23.5" long. Dad, Mom and baby are all doing well. We are thrilled to welcome Callum into the Bethel family and share in the joy that this new life brings to the Faircloth family!

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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

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 under the information tab. Contact Katie Davis for more information; kdavis4786@gmail.com.