C C C Luke 8:26-39 NRSV

²⁶ Then they arrived at the country of the Gerasenes, which is opposite Galilee. ²⁷ As he stepped out on land, a man of the city who had demons met him. For a long time he had worn no clothes, and he did not live in a house but in the tombs. ²⁸ When he saw Jesus, he fell down before him and shouted at the top of his voice, 'What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg you, do not torment me'— 29 for Jesus had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. (For many times it had seized him; he was kept under guard and bound with chains and shackles, but he would break the bonds and be driven by the demon into the wilds.) 30 Jesus then asked him, 'What is your name?' He said, 'Legion'; for many demons had entered him. ³¹ They begged him not to order them to go back into the abyss. ³² Now there on the hillside a large herd of swine was feeding; and the demons begged Jesus to let them enter these. So he gave them permission. ³³ Then the demons came out of the man and entered the swine, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and was drowned. 34 When the swineherds saw what had happened, they ran off and told it in the city and in the country. ³⁵ Then people came out to see what had happened, and when they came to Jesus, they found the man from whom the demons had gone sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind. And they were afraid. ³⁶ Those who had seen it told them how the one who had been possessed by demons had been healed. ³⁷ Then all the people of the surrounding country of the Gerasenes asked Jesus to leave them; for they were seized with great fear. So he got into the boat and returned. 38 The man from whom the demons had gone begged that he might be with him; but Jesus sent him away, saying, ³⁹ 'Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you.' So he went away, proclaiming throughout the city how much Jesus had done for him.

This is the Word of God, for the people of God!

Thanks be to God!

June 22, 2025



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.



June 22, 2025 8:00 & 11 a.m. Service

GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

Prelude: "Voluntary in A Minor" by Purcell

Greeting & Announcements

*Call to Worship:

Leader: Just like a deer that craves streams of water, my whole

being craves you, God.

People: My whole being thirsts for God, for the living God.

Leader: My tears have been my food both day and night, as people

constantly questioned me, "Where's your God now?"

People: But I remember how I made my way to the mighty one's

abode, to God's own house,

Leader: With joyous shouts and thanksgiving songs—a huge crowd

celebrating the festival!

People: Why, I ask myself, are you so depressed? Why are you

so upset inside?

All: Hope in God! Because I will again give him thanks, my

saving presence and my God.

GIVE PRAISE TO GOD

*Opening Hymn: "Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me".....#361 UMH

Opening Prayer: Jesus, steady companion, accompany us as we enter the hurtful places, the dangerous places lurking within us. Jesus, our wise and well-traveled guide, lead us to a barren place where all will fall away and we will have nothing but you. Walk with us through the valley of the shadow of death to a place of discovery and blessing, where we will rise up to drink deeply of still waters, through Jesus 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.

CECECE JUNE 22-JUNE 29

Sunday 8:00 a.m. Traditional Worship Live - Sanctuary

9:15 a.m. Contemporary Worship -Come Alive Time - Sanctuary

9:30 a.m. Summer Sunday School - Various Rooms 11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship Live - Sanctuary

Monday Joyce Mentzer's Sabbath

Thursday 6:00 p.m. Miracle Singers - BFH

Friday Pastor Jim's Sabbath Ray Davis's Sabbath

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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 6/22/2025

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

<u>Rehabilitation</u>: <u>Mancy Hecker</u>, <u>David Hurlock</u>, <u>Dawn Vandegrift</u>, Woody Wilson

Hospital: Dottie Mckain

<u>Hospice:</u> Gary Arrell, Rosemary Bouvier, Harlow Carson, Joann Cooke, Jim Kardas, Brenda Keith, Sharon Messinger, Mrs. Sample

General Concerns: Ansalvish Family, Bill Austin, Jeff Batt, Lindy Blankenship, Rob Book, Daryl Bradley, Elaine Bramante, Diane & Kevin Burke, Joe Capaldi, Jr., Paula Carridan, Kirsten Daffron, Jen DuVall, Kim Edmonds, Pat Emmett, Sandy Freeman, Rick Garloff, Susan Gatchel, Mildred Geiger, Lindsey Geyer, Bill Gibbons, Jack Govern, Tricia(Spangler)Gracey, Andrea Harmer, Lou Henderson, Vince Kowal, Rob MacArthur, Corey Meeks, Amanda Merrit, Sharon and Mike Moomaw, Jim Murray, Vincent Mussolino, Curt & Melinda Newsome, Catherine & Anna Paraskewich, Joe Peterson, Kelly Pinsky, Eric Reiske, Ed Roskos, Tom Ross, David Roux, Audrey Sewell, Patricia & Reese Shea, Logan Smith, John & Sally Spangler & Family, Wayne Wallace, Courtney Ward, Monty Warthen

Logan Smith, John & Sally Spangler & Family, Wayne Wallace, Courtney Ward, Monty Warthen Long Term: Barry Attix, Bryan Attix, Rev. Gloria Attix, Fran Baker, Ruth Ann Baker, Ginny Barney, Wesley Beam, Gavin Birl, Inez Brengle, Liz Carrier, John Caycedo, Rev. Charles Covington, Jay Dentino, Bob Dickey, Richard Dickey, Christine Drew, Bonnie Ekas, Marilyn Emanuel, Trish Emmett, Tom Engel, Susie Eveland, Olga Fitch, Frank Fitzgerald Sr, Gayle Gibbons, Hazel Gillespie, Junie Grant, Alex Grove, George Hammond, Sharon Henderson, Connor Hiple, Jim Hooban, Kayla Hottinger, Chubby Joseph, Adam Kent, Faye Kintz, Steve Kremer, Kathy Kroley, Norm Kugel, Janice Kulp, Paulette Lazarro, Legates Family, Nancy Logan, Bill Lyons, Madison MacElrevey, Matt, Kortlyn, & Bodi, Dr. Jim Marvel, Janet McGinnis, Claranne Meitrott, Stephen Metter, Marsha Miller, Dottie Moyer, Chuck Naspinsky, Ted Niemczyk, Lori O'Day, Brian O'Dell, George Pepper, Earl Peters, Jodi Potter, Steve Rellihan, Beth Rinker, Carla Robinson, Tom Schaich, Mary Louise Scott, John Schulze, Joe Seay, Bill Seitz, Betty Sheats, Chet Sprague, Judy Stevenson, Bonnie Stevlingson, Bonnie Tedesco, Peggy Thomas, Dave Trout, Anita Walker, Michael Walker, Wanda, Kathy Watson, Kathy Wetherhold-Parrott, Hilda Williams, Trish Wilson, Theresa Wise, Lucretia Y., Glenn Yetter, Marge Zayatz

Up Coming Procedures: Pat McIvaine

<u>Recovering From Procedures:</u> Janette Clavette, Danny Gillespie, Patty Marvel, Linda Mounts, Janice Owens, Ron Krajeiski, Dale Stough

Other:

- Praying for Our Graduates
- Democratic Republic of the Congo under attack by M23 rebels
- Ongoing Wars in the Middle East & Eastern Europe.
- 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:

• <u>Family & Friends of Kyle Ciaccia, son of Susan Carlisle, on the unexpected death of his</u> father on June 16.

LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD

Joys & Concerns and Pastoral Prayer God's Tithes and our Offerings

Offertory: "As the Deer" arr. Wagner

*Doxology:.....#95 UMH

Hymn: "How like a Gentle Spirit"......See Page 6

*Gospel Lesson: Luke 8:26-39

Message "Heavenly Hounds & Sacred Swine" Pastor Earle Baker

GO FORTH IN GOD'S NAME

*Closing Hymn: "Dear Lord and Father of Mankind".....#358 UMH

*Benediction

*Postlude: "Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee" arr. Costello

*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 Come Alive Time

June 22, 2025 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: "Open Up the Heavens"

"Blessed Assurance"

Children's Message: "Friends"

Joys & Concerns

Recognition of the Class of 2025

Pastoral Prayer

Offering: "I Believe"

LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD

*Gospel Lesson: Luke 8:26-39

Message "Heavenly Hounds & Sacred Swine" Pastor Earle Baker

GO FORTH IN GOD'S NAME

*Closing Song: "Goodness of God"

*Benediction

*Those who are able, please stand.

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C C C C C C CANNOUNCEMENTS

True North VBS Volunteers and Registration Update!



We are still seeking volunteers to help make our week successful: (July 28-31st 9 am to noon). We have over 91 students registered and can use extra hands throughout the week. Lots of younger students will be attending!

We ask that you prayerfully consider becoming a part of our wonderful team of volunteers! Adults and Teens welcome!

To volunteer, email Katie Davis at kdavis4786@gmail.com or text/call 302-381-0864.

Registration is still open for completed 2nd-5th grade age groups. Entering Kindergarten, completed Kindergarten and completed 1st grade age groups are full. Registration will close one week prior to VBS to ensure we have enough supplies and volunteers.



<u>A Call for Sewists</u>: The Missions/Elizabeth Circle team is continuing the sewing project to make dresses and shorts for the children in the Congo.

We need people to sew boy's shorts and girl's dresses.

Kits, to sew at home, will be provided in the marked bin at the back of Fellowship Hall. When the item(s) are

finished, put them in the original pouch and drop off in the completed 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 or

Bev Delli Santi bevdell45@comcast.net if you have questions. Thanks!

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Love Offering: The June Love Offering Adult & Teen Challenge will benefit Delmarva Adult & Teen Challenge. Delmarva Adult & Teen Challenge believes in second chances.

Their purpose is to put hope within reach of every person who struggles with addiction, to see men and women restored from the brokenness caused by drug and alcohol abuse and other life controlling problems 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.



Women's Ministry "Priceless" Curiosity Shop/Yard Sale

Only one more week left to do Spring Cleaning and share your "treasures" with the Women's Ministry for our upcoming Curiosity Shop/Yard Sale. After today's drop off, our FINAL Drop Off will be next Sunday, June 29. We will be available to receive your donations before and after the 9:15 service, and before the 11:00 service. If you need to make arrangements for a different day, please contact Janine Phillips, 610-905-6674, janinesphpath@gmail.com. Thank you for

remembering no furniture, clothing, electronics, or baby equipment. Many thanks to everyone that has been so supportive of our upcoming Sale!!



Pastor Jim Vacation: Pastor Jim will be on vacation from June 16th - July 1st. Pastor Earle will be preaching on June 22nd and 29th. Pastor Earle will cover any Pastoral care needs that may arise and will lead worship

on those Sundays. Pastor Earle can be reached at: 302-841-1305 for pastoral care needs. Looking forward to seeing everyone upon my return! -- Pastor Jim

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

Bethel Ministry Staff Contact Information

Jim Penuel, Senior Pastor Earle Baker, Pastor of Visitation Joyce Mentzer, Director of Music Ray Davis, Youth & Family Director Sandy Stough, Office Manager Cindi Clavette, Treasurer Laura Petranto, Financial Secretary Katie Davis, S.S. Superintendent Todd Mentzer, AV Coordinator Susan Kremer, PR Coordinator George Pepper, Maintenance Bill Gaskill, Custodian Kathy Pepper, Bethel Christian School

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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 David & Diana Jones

9:15 Curtis Moomaw

11:00 Pam Monti

Ushers: 8:00 Ernie Stanley, Head Usher; Ron Smith Assistant

9:15 Libby Gibson, Head Usher11:00 Joann Brittingham, Head Usher

Miguel Gomez & Ralph Scott; Assistants

Liturgists: 8:00 John McKenzie

9:15 Ray Davis

11:00 Alison Parsell

Audio Visual Techs: 8:00 Norm Macturk, Mauro Medeiros

9:15 Todd Mentzer, Ethan Curry, Ed Emmett

11:00 Todd Mentzer, Ray Davis

Miracle Singers: 9:15 Kim Edmonds, Cathy Ferree, John Harris,

Faye Kintz, Patty Marvel, Bill Powell

Weekly Statistics

Attendance: June 15, 2025: 263 (8:00-52; 9:15-137; 11:00-74)

Contributions for June 15, 2025

weekly deposit	\$ 9,613.84
weekly budget	\$ 16,461.43
YTD collection	\$ 384,857.17
YTD budget	\$ 395,074.32



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

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Summer Sunday School Volunteer Opportunity

Thank you to our volunteers who have helped kick start our Summer Sunday School ministry for 2025! We have a few

openings left to fill. The 2 year to Kindergarten class has 5 Sundays open and the 1st to 5th grade class has 3 Sundays open. Please prayerfully consider sharing your time and talents with our young faith followers!

Contact Katie Davis at Kdavis4786@gmail.com for more information, scan the code with your phone camera or click on the link that will be sent via e-blast and Remind.

Scan here to sign up!

<u>VBS DONATIONS</u>: Donations and Supplies are needed for our upcoming True North VBS at the end of July. Please see the donation board in the upper lobby. Choose a tag that works for you, fill out the bottom portion and bring the item in by the highlighted date on the tag. Items will be added throughout the next couple of weeks.

Donation bins will be located in the upper lobby to place items in. Thank you in advance for helping!

If you prefer, monetary donations can be made through our Online Giving Portal or Offering Baskets. Mark the donation as VBS Supply.

Questions: see Katie Davis; email <u>kdavis4786@gmail.com</u> or phone 302-381-0864.

E C C C C C ANNOUNCEMENTS

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY WORK DAY - MONDAY, JULY 7



The Methodist Men are again sponsoring a work day with Habitat for Humanity. Our next assigned date is Monday, July 7 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. As July is a busy month some of our past volunteers have conflicts this day so we are looking for some new faces to join the team

this time. 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. While we do not have a definite assignment yet we will most likely be working on one of the nine houses scheduled to be built in Milford this year as part of the Sussex County Habitat's "community revitalization" program.



Funeral Reception Team Needed: We are seeking help in forming a funeral reception team. If you are able to help with providing a side or a dessert for a reception, helping with set up, serving, or cleaning up afterward it would be greatly appreciated. We will compile the list and then reach out to you when a

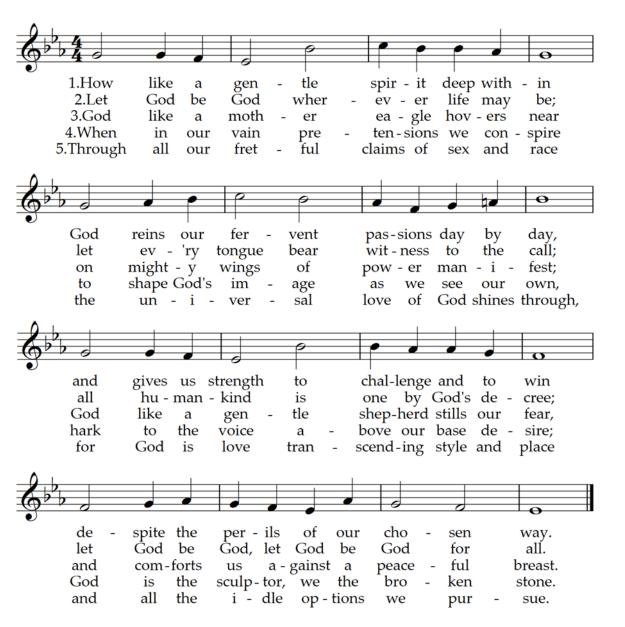
funeral service arises and see if you're available to help out. If you are interested please contact Pat Emmett at pemmett47@verizon.net. We will likely start with this new configuration toward the end of the summer.



Church Office Summer Hours: 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.

"How Like a Gentle Spirit"



Words: Public Domain, adapted Tune: Afro-American spiritual

CHILDREN'S PAGE



The Bethel Deli & Lunchroom returns to accompany the 2025 Lewes Antiques & Home Décor Show & Sale July 11 & 12!

Help is needed to prepare, serve food & clean up starting on Wed. July 9 thru Sat. July 12

Sign-up forms are available in the lobby outside Fellowship Hall or ONLINE. Please check your calendars & consider helping with this Bethel Tradition. Many hands make light work! Thanks so much!

Kitchen Help

PREP WORK PRIOR TO SHOW:

Wed • July 9 • 9 to 12 OR 12 to 3 pm • 6 needed per shift Thurs • July 10 • 9 to 12 OR 12 to 3 pm • 6 needed per shift

PREP/SERVE DAYS OF SHOW:

Fri • July 11 • 9 to 12 OR 11 to 2:30 • 6 needed per shift Sat • July 12 • 9 to 12 OR 11 to 2:30 • 6 needed per shift

SUNDAY SALE OF LEFTOVERS AFTER ALL 3 SERVICES:

After 11 am service, about 11:50 • 1 needed

Alternative to Volunteering • Would you like to Donate? We will graciously accept monetary donations to help keep our expenses down for the purchase of food we will need to prepare. Online giving or check: memo line "deli"

QUESTIONS OR TO SIGN-UP

Cathy Ferree • 302.827.2499 • colonycat1226@gmail.com

Please type ANTIQUES SHOW on the subject line of your email

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HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES

- Danielle Carr, Graduated from Worcester Preparatory School.
- Darcy Amelia Crotty, Graduated from Cape Henlopen High School. Darcy is attending University of Virginia- pre Med
- Ethan Curry, Graduated from Cape Henlopen High School. Ethan will be attending the University of Delaware in the fall and is majoring in Computer Engineering.
- Christopher Emmett, Graduated from Cape Henlopen High School. Attending University of Delaware for Pre-Veterinary Science in the fall.
- Katie Costello, Graduated from Cape Henlopen High School and will be attending Duke University in the fall to major in biology with a pre-med track in hopes of one day becoming a family care physician.
- Mason Fyock, Graduated from Cape Henlopen High School.
- Faith Re graduated from Cape Henlopen High School and will be attending Salisbury university playing division three basketball while studying exercise science on a pre-physical therapy track
- Jenna Reinhold graduated from Cape Henlopen High School and will be attending Clemson University in the fall to study computer engineering.
- Starr Reynolds graduated from Delmarva Christian High School. Starr will be utilizing the seed program and taking courses at Delaware Tech with an interest in design.
- Sophia Sgromo, Graduated from Cape Henlopen High School.
- Jase Truitt, Graduated from Cape Henlopen High School. Jase will be attending Coastal Carolina University, Conway, SC majoring in business entrepreneurial management.
- William Wesley Powell II (Will), Graduated from Cape Henlopen High School



- Emma Macturk graduated summa cum laude with a masters degree in chemistry from William and Mary College.
- Ian Moss graduated from the University of Delaware with a degree in Environmental Science. Ian is the grandson of Gretta Wolter.
- Logan Shuttleworth to graduated with her Doctorate in Occupational Therapy at Shenandoah University





Load In & Load Out Volunteers Needed for Lewes Antiques & Home Décor Show & Sale

Many Hands Make Light Work!

Thursday July 10 • Load In will occur from 8 am – 3 pm Saturday July 12 • Load Out will occur from 3:30 – 7:00 pm

Any time that you can give will be greatly appreciated!

LOAD IN TIME SLOTS

8 - 12 - Most Help Needed

12 - 3

LOAD OUT & FELLOWSHIP HALL SET UP TIME SLOT

Antiques Show ends at 3 pm

3:30-7:00 Approximate Timeline

Please use the online signup form located on the Bethel Website under the INFORMATION TAB or Scan the QR Code

Questions or to signup contact:

Susan Monroe, Text, Phone or Email: 302-542-2270; susan@clayamonroe.com

Susan Monroe will also be in the lobby for signup as her schedule permits.