

Isaiah 40:28-31 NRSV

²⁸ Have you not known? Have you not heard? The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable. ²⁹ He gives power to the faint, and strengthens the powerless. ³⁰ Even youths will faint and be weary, and the young will fall exhausted; ³¹ but those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint.

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

June 29, 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.*

Worship

Celebration of

June 29, 2025
8:00 & 11 a.m. Service

GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

Prelude: "Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart" arr. Larson

Greeting & Announcements

*Call to Worship: From Psalm 147

Leader: The Lord builds up Jerusalem; He gathers the outcasts of Israel.

People: *He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds.*

Leader: He determines the number of stars; and gives them all their names.

People: *Great is our Lord and abundant in power; His understanding is beyond measure.*

Leader: The Lord lifts up the downtrodden; but casts the wicked to the ground.

People: *God's delight is not in the strength of the horse nor His pleasure in the speed of a runner,*

All: *But the Lord takes pleasure in those who fear Him, in those who hope in His steadfast love.*

GIVE PRAISE TO GOD

*Opening Hymn: "Precious Lord, Take My Hand".....#474 UMH

Opening Prayer: *Loving Creator and mighty God, you have promised strength for the weak, rest for the laborers, light for the way, grace for the trials, help from above, unfailing sympathy, and undying love. O creator and mighty God, help us continue in your promises 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.*

JUNE 29—JULY 6

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



6/29/2025

Rehabilitation: David Hurlock, Dawn Vandegrift, Woody Wilson

Hospital: Nancy Hecker, Dottie Mckain, Frances Smith

Hospice: Gary Arrell, Rosemary Bouvier, Harlow Carson, Joann Cooke, Jim Kardas, Brenda Keith, Sharon Messinger, **David Roux**, Mrs. Sample

General Concerns: Ansalvish Family, Bill Austin, Jeff Batt, Lindy Blankenship, Rob Book, Daryl Bradley, Elaine Bramante, 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 & Mike Moomaw, Jim Murray, Vincent Mussolino, Curt & Melinda Newsome, Catherine & Anna Paraskewich, **Susan Parsons**, Joe Peterson, Kelly Pinsky, Eric Reiske, Ed Roskos, Tom Ross, Audrey Sewell, **Shannon-Billy Gaskill's Fiance'**, Patricia & Reese Shea, 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, 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 Mclvaine

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

Other:

- **Praying the Middle East**
- 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:

- Family & Friends of Diane Burke, wife of Kevin, who passed away.
- Family & Friends of Dorothy Moyer, wife of former pastor of Bethel & Groome UMC, Rev. Charles Moyer, died at her home on Tuesday following a long illness. Services will be held at 1 p.m. on Tuesday, July 1, at Pippin Funeral Home in Wyoming. The Moyers served Bethel and Groome from 1993 until his retirement in 1999.
- Family & Friends of Kyle Ciaccia, son of Susan Carlisle, on the unexpected death of his father on June 16.

Joys & Concerns and Pastoral Prayer

God's Tithes and our Offerings

Offertory (8): “*Intermezzo*” by Rheinberger
(11): “*Every Day My Savior Leads Me*” by Althouse

*Doxology:.....#95 UMH

Hymn: *“On Eagle’s Wings”* See Page 6

Scripture Lesson: Isaiah 40:28-31

Message “The Way God Works” Pastor Earle Baker

*Closing Hymn: “*God of Grace and God of Glory*”#577 UMH

***Benediction**

*Postlude: “*Praises!*” by Eliot

**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

June 29, 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: "Bless God"

Children's Message: "Practice Makes Perfect"

Joys & Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

Offering: "I Believe"

LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD

Scripture Lesson: Isaiah 40:28-31

Message: "The Way God Works"

Pastor Earle Baker

GO FORTH IN GOD'S NAME

*Closing Song: "Everlasting God"

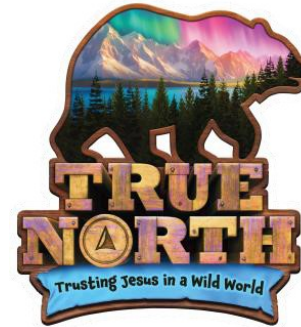
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True North VBS Volunteers and Registration Update!



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.



A Call for Sewists: The Missions/Elizabeth Circle team would like to thank all the sewists that have completed and returned the shorts and dress kits for the Congo Missions project. So far we are almost half way to our goal of 100 shorts and 100 dresses by the end of August. So, we still need people to help sew boy's shorts and girl's dresses. Kits, to sew at home, are 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 July Love Offering will benefit Ronald McDonald House Charities of Greater Delaware. RMHC provides essential services that remove barriers, strengthen families, and promote healing when children need healthcare. They provide a “home-away-from-home” for families of seriously ill children who need a place to stay while their child receives treatment at an area hospital. 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

Today is the last Sunday Women’s Ministry will be accepting donations for their upcoming “Priceless” Curiosity Shop. They thank our Church Family for their “Many” contributions of treasures for this years event.



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

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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	Sandy Hunsicker
	9:15	Kevin White
	11:00	
Ushers:	8:00	Ernie Stanley, Head Usher; Ron Smith Assistant
	9:15	Libby Gibson, Head Usher
	11:00	Joann Brittingham, Head Usher
		Miguel Gomez & Ralph Scott; Assistants
Liturgists:	8:00	Phil Fields
	9:15	Charle Joseph
	11:00	Jim Vandegrift
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 22, 2025: 236 (8:00-39; 9:15-125; 11:00-72)

Contributions for June 22, 2025

weekly deposit	\$ 13,106.28
weekly budget	\$ 16,461.43
YTD collection	\$ 397,963.45
YTD budget	\$ 411,535.75



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!



VBS DONATIONS: 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 and fill out the bottom portion. Tear off the bottom portion and place it in the designated basket. Then, 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 kdavis4786@gmail.com or phone 302-381-0864.

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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.

On Eagle's Wings

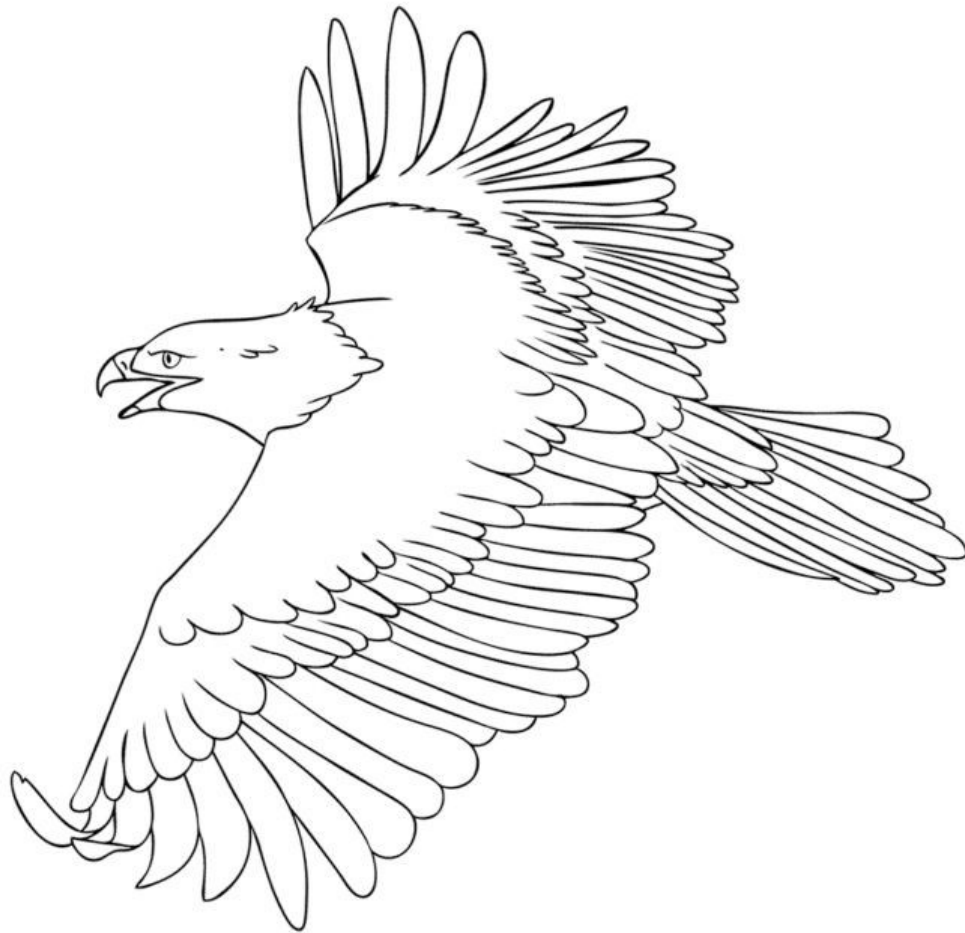


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"But those who hope in the LORD will renew
their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles."
- Isaiah 40:31



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](#)



Calling All Bakers!

Asking for volunteers to bake those luscious pies, cakes, cookies and breads for the Lewes Antiques & Home Décor Show & Sale on July 11 & 12. Please label each item, list any items that contain nuts, your name, & phone #. Cookies or brownies should be pre-packaged in individual portions (2 - 3/ bag). **NOTE: Drop off items no later than 9 am on Friday, July 11th**

Calling for Volunteers!

- Baked Goods Sales
- Dining Room Cleanup

Bake Sale Hours • 9-5 Friday • 9-3 Saturday

To Sign up or Questions Contact:
Kathy Shook: Kathyshook12@gmail.com • 302-542-7946

****Sign-up forms will be available in the lobby in May****

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BLOOD DRIVE ALERT

Please note, the next Bethel Blood Drive will be held in the Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, October 14.

The last day to donate before that date is August 19 (the required 56 days between donations).

There is currently a decline in donations along with a greater demand in the summer season. If you would like to donate between now and our October date, PLEASE GO TO: delmarvablood.org and schedule a donation at a site and date that works for you before August 19.

And remember, any person over 17 years old, a minimum of 110 pounds and in good health is eligible to donate the gift of life.



2025
65th Annual
Lewes Antiques & Home Décor
Show & Sale

Presented Annually Since 1959 by
Bethel United Methodist Church

Bethel Fellowship Hall • 129 W. Fourth Street
 Lewes, Delaware

Two Day Event • July 11 & 12

Friday • July 11 • 9 am - 5 pm
Saturday • July 12 • 9 am - 3 pm

Decorator & Collector Items • Jewelry & Furniture
 Lunch Served Daily • Questions: 302-645-9426
 Air Conditioned • Handicapped Accessible

Admission \$5.00





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.