

2 Samuel 7:18-29 NRSVUE

¹⁸ Then King David went in and sat before the Lord and said, “Who am I, O Lord God, and what is my house, that you have brought me thus far? ¹⁹ And yet this was a small thing in your eyes, O Lord God; you have spoken also of your servant’s house into the distant future. May this be instruction for the people, O Lord God! ²⁰ And what more can David say to you? For you know your servant, O Lord God! ²¹ Because of your promise and according to your own heart, you have wrought all this greatness so that your servant may know it. ²² Therefore you are great, O Lord God, for there is no one like you, and there is no God besides you, according to all that we have heard with our ears. ²³ Who is like your people, like Israel? Is there another nation on earth whose God went to redeem it as a people and to make a name for himself, doing great and awesome things, driving out nations and their gods before your people, whom you redeemed for yourself from Egypt? ²⁴ And you established your people Israel for yourself to be your people forever, and you, O Lord, became their God. ²⁵ And now, O Lord God, as for the word that you have spoken concerning your servant and concerning his house, confirm it forever; do as you have promised. ²⁶ Thus your name will be magnified forever in the saying, ‘The Lord of hosts is God over Israel,’ and the house of your servant David will be established before you. ²⁷ For you, O Lord of hosts, the God of Israel, have made this revelation to your servant, saying, ‘I will build you a house’; therefore your servant has found courage to pray this prayer to you. ²⁸ And now, O Lord God, you are God, and your words are true, and you have promised this good thing to your servant; ²⁹ now, therefore, may it please you to bless the house of your servant so that it may continue forever before you, for you, O Lord God, have spoken, and with your blessing shall the house of your servant be blessed forever.”

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

July 12, 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



July 12, 2026
8:00 & 11:00a.m. Service

GATHER IN GOD’S NAME

Prelude: “Meditation on ‘Kedron’” arr. Powell

Greeting & Announcements

*Call to Worship:

Leader: Welcome! Welcome to the baggage we carry, the joys we share, the griefs we bear, and the worries we hold.

People: Come! Let us worship!

Leader: The voice of God is calling us to come with all that we are and all that we carry to worship.

People: Come! Let us worship!

Leader: God calls us to gather, to receive grace in our gathering, and to reorient us again to the ways of God.

People: Come! Let us worship!

Leader: So, come, members of the family of God! Bring all that you are to be molded by grace, refocused toward Love, and woven together as community in Christ.

People: Come! Let us worship! Thanks be to God. Amen.

GIVE PRAISE TO GOD

*Opening Hymn: “This Is My Father’s World”#144

Opening Prayer: *Equip us, God, for the work of ministry. For the work involved with building unity of purpose and vision. Equip us with saints who will say yes to your will and yes to your way. Equip us, God, to journey with Jesus through life’s uncertain paths. Equip us, God, with maturity that comes from knowing you. Equip us, God, to speak the truth in love even when it’s uncomfortable. Equip us to move beyond a childish faith that whines for more while giving less. Equip us, O God, for the work of ministry that you have called us to do. This we pray In Jesus name, who taught us to pray...*

JULY 12—JULY 19

Sunday	8:00 a.m.	Traditional Worship Live - Sanctuary
	9:15 a.m.	Contemporary Worship -Come Alive Time - BFH
	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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BFH - Bethel Fellowship Hall
PMH - Parsonage Meeting House



Enjoy the Beach!

PRAYER LIST 7/12/2026

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

Rehabilitation: David Hurlock, Paul Webb

Hospital: Rosalba Bellen (Friend of Kathy Engel), Rev. Sterling Green, John Horne, Trent Prechatka, Jodie Reynolds

Hospice: Norah Atkins, Rosemary Bouvier, Brenda Keith, Mrs. Sample, Barbara Starkweather, Jim Willhite

General Concerns: Andy Baker, Mike Bakker, Chris Clark, Brett Conaway, Scott Dailey, Daniel, Ruth Dougherty, Bridget Fowler, Chandler Fox, Joan Fox, Bill Gibbons, Giovanna, Gus Jack Harrison, Connie Hearn, Jim Holt, Bob Hunsberger, Ida, Mason, Ginny Mitchell, June Myers, Tammy Myers & Family, Bob Nicholson, Brody O'Neill, Kelly Pinsky, Margaret Quillen, Bruce Sheppard, Steven, Danny Summers, Debbie Summers, Helen Walter

Long Term: Ansalvish Family, Bryan Attix, Rev. Gloria Attix, Fran Baker, Ruth Ann Baker, Ginny Barney, Wesley Beam, Mike Beaucheman, 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, 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, Ted Niemczyk, Ray Norris, Lori O'Day, Brian O'Dell, Mike & Sallee O'Neill, Peter (Brother of Pauline Powell), Earl Peters, Dick Plambeck, **Suzie Pryor (Niece of Elizabeth Fields)**, Ray Quillen, Beth Rampson, 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, 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: **Nancy Logan**

Recovering From Procedures: Fred Billings, **Carol (Sister of Marilyn Emanuel)**, Ellie Colon, Olga Fitch, Pat Kearns, Dale Stough, Kevin Toohey

Other:

- **Fuel Mission Trip-Ray Davis, Katie Davis, Tiffany Travis, Joelle Stevens, Peyton Vied, Alex Muncie, Parker Davis, Bennett Steinmann, Charlie Harvey, Ben Napoli, Andy Napoli, Wyatt Watson, & Kai Vezmar**
- Mother African Union Church North, Wilmington, DE sanctuary destroyed by fire
- 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 Ashley Wagamon King, who passed on June 25th.

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.***

LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD

Joys & Concerns and Pastoral Prayer

God's Tithes and our Offerings

Offertory: ***"Our Father"*** arr. Courtney
presented by Bridget Knutsen

*Doxology:.....#94

Song of Preparation: ***"Have Thine Own Way, Lord"***.....#382

Scripture Lesson: 2 Samuel 7:18-29

Message: ***"David: An Imperfect Man After God's Heart"*** Pastor Jim Penuel

GO FORTH IN GOD'S NAME

*Closing Hymn: ***"Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"***.....#400

*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: ***"When In Our Music God Is Glorified"*** arr. Mitchell-Wallace

**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

July 12 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: *"Praise You Anywhere"*
"Yet Not I, But Through Christ"

Children's Message: *"After God's Own Heart"*

Prayer for the Fuel Mission Trip

Joys & Concerns and Pastoral Prayer

Offering: *"So Will I"* presented by Bridget Knutsen

LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD

Scripture Lesson: 2 Samuel 7:18-29

Message: *"David: An Imperfect Man After God's Heart"* Pastor Jim Penuel

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*Closing Song: *"Forever"*

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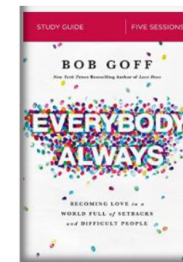
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Bethel UMC Men's Ministry Opportunities!

Are you looking for a way to deepen your faith and connect with other men from Bethel UMC? Two opportunities are offered each month to gather and grow:

Second Sunday of each month, 8:00-8:45am in the Parsonage Meeting House

- **Upcoming dates June 14 and July 12**

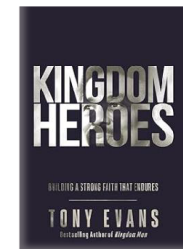


Everybody Always by Bob Goff

In *Everybody, Always*, Bob Goff's joyful New York Times bestselling follow-up to *Love Does*, you'll discover the secret to living without fear, constraint, or worry. Bob teaches you that the path toward the outsized, unfettered, liberated existence we all long for is found in one simple truth: love people, even the difficult ones, without distinction and without limits. Light reading – great discussion!

Fourth Wednesday evening of each month, 7:00-8:30pm at Barry Eaton's home

- **Upcoming dates May 27, June 24, July 22**



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 or

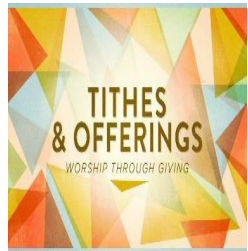
Ray Davis at ray@bethellewes.org for more details.

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Bethel Golf Outings are Back

This golf season we still have 3 dates booked for Bethel Golf Outings at The Rookery in Milton. These outings are open to men, women and children alike. These outings are just fun ways for golfers in the church to connect and play together on Saturday afternoons. Our tee times start at 3:00 and we can accommodate up to 20 golfers for each date. You can play 9 holes or 18 and you can walk or ride carts and each outing will be at the twilight rate to be more affordable for everyone. All you need to do is email or text Ray and he will coordinate the details with everyone the week of. ***The next date we have on the books is August 22nd*** so let Ray know if you will be joining. The other dates are September 19th and October 17th. Please reach out to Ray with any questions. ray@bethellewes.org



Financial Support: Thank you for your weekly support. We thank everyone who has provided funds to keep Bethel's ministries going.

There are six ways you can get your gift to Bethel:

1. **Drop off your donation** through the mail slot in the front door of the Parsonage Meeting House at 130 W. 4th St.
2. **Mail donations** to BUMC, 129 W. Fourth St., Lewes, DE.
3. **E-giving:** Go to Bethel's Website www.bethellewes.org and at the top right of the home page and click on the word, 'Giving.'
4. **Text Giving** is a newest option for donations, using a cell phone or hand-held device. Call (302) 202-6625, text the word "GIVE"
5. **IRA Distribution.** Those who are over 70½, can donate part of their mandatory distribution to Bethel. Please speak to your financial advisor before doing this.
6. **QR Code:** Scan the QR Code located on bottom right corner.



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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Leaders for Today's Service

Greeters:	8:00	Pam Cook
	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	Bill Collick
	9:15	Ray Davis
	11:00	Michael Emery
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, Joyce Famelio, Cathy Ferree, John Harris, Patty Marvel, Bill Powell

Weekly Statistics

Attendance: July 5, 2026: 282 (8:00-55; 9:15-160; 11:00-67)

Contributions for July 5, 2026

weekly deposit	\$ 18,582.26
weekly budget	\$ 16,915.18
YTD collection	\$ 520,666.76
YTD budget	\$ 456,709.86



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

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Love Offering: The July Love Offering will benefit Harvest Outreach People's Project (HOPP). The HOPP began, birthed out of the United Methodist Movement, with a simple belief that every family deserves dignity,

stability, and hope. HOPPs is a community powered movement ensuring that every family across Delaware and parts of Maryland has access to fresh produce and lasting hope and dignity. 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.



Church Office Summer Hours: Monday, Wednesday & Friday from 9am to 11am with the balance of my hours working remotely. If you 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 for Vacation Bible School.

Sunday School Update

Please join us this summer for Summer Sunday School. 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. Thank you for a wonderful Sunday School year!

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NOTE SHEET

Note Sheet

David: An Imperfect Man After God's Own Heart

2nd Samuel 7:18-29

7/12/26

1. All this success came because David chose _____ to God.
2. David approached God with _____ and _____ for the blessings God had provided him.
3. God's _____ has remained for the Israelites.
4. When David was supposed to be performing his kingly duties, he chose _____ and _____.
5. David let his _____ and _____ get to his head.
6. Despite David's indiscretions, God's _____ and _____ endured.
7. God can take people who are imperfect and broken and create something _____.
8. Despite our brokenness and failures, God's love for us endures _____.

Scripture reading for further reflection: 1st Samuel 15, 2nd Samuel 7, 2nd Samuel 8, 2nd Samuel 11, Matthew 1.

Note: You may access the Digital Sermon Note

Page by scanning the QR Code



CHILDREN'S PAGE

2 Samuel

7:18-29



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Sandwich & Side for 18 for Tharros. Tharros is fully operational, with 18 residents. Bethel is one of several faith-based organizations that will be supplying a cold supper of a sandwich and a side for each resident. To sign up just go to bethellewes.org; click on the “Information” tab and select “Bethel Food Ministries” from the dropdown menu. Under the heading “Tharros Village - Sandwich and Side” there are instructions and a direct link to the *SignUp.com* signup page. Openings are available every Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday through November 28th.

Deliver sandwiches and sides to 18006 Coastal Highway, Lewes between 6pm and 8pm.

Gate is kept locked: Detailed instructions are on the *SignUp.com* page. To view click on the words “Sandwich & Side for 18”, under any of the dates. Contact is Cathie Wagner ccwgr@aol.com.



Bethel Cookbooks Are Here!!!



The Elizabeth Circle continues to have Bethel Cookbooks for sale. They may be purchased online through the church website or by using the order forms in the lobby. Books may be picked up Sunday after services or by other arrangement. Contact Donna Fleischauer at djmarrin@yahoo.com with any questions

Cookbook Recipe Correction as of June 30, 2026:

Page 5 - Pimento Cheese Spread - Add 1 cup sharp shredded cheddar cheese to ingredients.

Page 102 - Southern Shores Cheesecake - Butter should be $\frac{3}{4}$ cup softened, not $\frac{1}{4}$ cup.