

Colossians 1:15-28 NRSVUE

¹⁵ He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation, ¹⁶ for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. ¹⁷ He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. ¹⁸ He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. ¹⁹ For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, ²⁰ and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross. ²¹ And you who were once estranged and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, ²² he has now reconciled in his fleshly body through death, so as to present you holy and blameless and irreproachable before him, ²³ provided that you continue securely established and steadfast in the faith, without shifting from the hope promised by the gospel that you heard, which has been proclaimed to every creature under heaven. I, Paul, became a minister of this gospel. ²⁴ I am now rejoicing in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I am completing what is lacking in Christ's afflictions for the sake of his body, that is, the church. ²⁵ I became its minister according to God's commission that was given to me for you, to make the word of God fully known, ²⁶ the mystery that has been hidden throughout the ages and generations but has now been revealed to his saints. ²⁷ To them God chose to make known how great among the gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. ²⁸ It is he whom we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone in all wisdom, so that we may present everyone mature in Christ.

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

July 13, 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

July 13, 2025
8:00 & 11 a.m. Service

GATHER IN GOD’S NAME

Prelude: “Joy Song” by Hayes

Greeting & Announcements

*Call to Worship:

Leader: We gather this day from a week filled with needs and demands
People: *We come to find rest and renewal of our spirits.*
Leader: Open your hearts in love to hear the voice of God.
People: *We want to quietly rest in God’s presence, free from the clamor of the world.*
Leader: This is the day that the Lord has made.
People: *Let us rejoice and be glad in it. Amen!*

GIVE PRAISE TO GOD

*Opening Hymn: “The Church’s One Foundation” (stanzas 1, 2, 4 & 5).....#545 UMH

Opening Prayer: *From the demands and pressures of this past week, we come, O Lord, seeking rest and renewal. Hear the cries of our hearts, our prayers, our needs. Heal and restore us. May we also give thanks for the unseen but powerful ways you are at work in the world. For we ask this 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.*

JULY 13—JULY 20

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
	6:30 p.m.	Antiques Show Meeting - Meeting Room
Tuesday	6:30 p.m.	Finance Committee Meeting - SPPRC
	7:00 p.m.	Tuesday on the Town-Pool Party - Davis Residents
Wednesday	11:00 a.m.	Celebration of Life Service for Elissa Ruppert
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 - Sanctuary
	9:30 a.m.	Summer Sunday School - Various Rooms
	11:00 a.m.	Traditional Worship Live - Sanctuary

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
7/13/2025

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

Rehabilitation: Nancy Hecker, David Hurlock

Hospital: ***Bobby Lane***, Dottie Mckain

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

General Concerns: Ansalvish Family, Bill Austin, Jeff Batt, Rob Book, Daryl Bradley, Elaine Bramante, Joe Capaldi, Jr., Paula Carridan, Kirsten Daffron, ***Bob Dathe***, 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, ***Judy Mitchell***, Sharon & Mike Moomaw, Jim Murray, Vincent Mussolino, Curt & Melinda Newsome, Catherine & Anna Paraskewich, Susan Parsons, Joe Peterson, Kelly Pinsky, ***Pauline Powell***, Eric Reiske, Ed Roskos, Tom Ross, Audrey Sewell, Shannon-Billy Gaskill's Fiance', Patricia & Reese Shea, ***Stephanie Shuttleworth***, Logan Smith, John & Sally Spangler & Family, ***Bob Turcovski***, Wayne Wallace, Courtney Ward, Monty Warthen, ***Paul Webb***

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, Dawn Vandegrift, Anita Walker, Michael Walker, Wanda, Kathy Watson, Kathy Wetherhold-Parrott, Hilda Williams, Trish Wilson, Woody Wilson, Theresa Wise, Lucretia Y., Glenn Yetter, Marge Zayat

Up Coming Procedures: Pat McIvaine

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

Other:

- 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 Elissa Ruppert, Daughter of Steve & Elaine Rellihan, who passed. The Service for Elissa will be July 16th at 11am at Bethel. Interment immediately following the service.***

LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD

Sacrament of Baptism (8): Skylar Harbester

Baptism Response: *"I Was There to Hear Your Borning Cry"*.....Back cover of hymnal

Joys & Concerns and Pastoral Prayer

God's Tithes and our Offerings

Offertory (8): *"I Need Thee Every Hour"* arr. Wood

(11): *"O Love of God, How Strong and True"* presented by Kayla Sponaugle

*O love of God, how strong and true, eternal and yet ever-new;
Uncomprehended and unbought, beyond all knowledge and all thought!
O wide-embracing, wondrous love, we read You in the sky above,
We read You in the earth below, in seas that swell and streams that flow.
We read Your power to bless and save, even in the darkness of the grave;
Still more in resurrection light we read the fullness of Your might.
O love of God, our shield and stay through all the perils of our way!
Eternal love, in You we rest, forever safe, forever blessed.*

*Doxology:.....#95 UMH

Song of Preparation: *"Open My Eyes, That I May See"*.....#454 UMH

Scripture Lesson: Colossians 1:15-28

Message *"Things We Cannot See"* Pastor Jim Penuel

GO FORTH IN GOD'S NAME

*Closing Hymn: *"Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"*.....#103 UMH

*Benediction

*Postlude: *"The Lord God Has Spoken It"* by Paxton

**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

July 13, 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 Songs of Praise & Worship: *"Blessed Be Your Name"*
"Stand In Your Love"

Children's Message: *"God Is Here!"*

Joys & Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

Offering: *"O Love of God, How Strong and True"*
presented by Kayla Sponaule

LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD

Scripture Lesson: Colossians 1:15-28

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GO FORTH IN GOD'S NAME

*Closing Song: *"Yes, I Will"*

*Benediction
**Those who are able, please stand.*

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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 Mis-

sions 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.



Keri Faircloth Thank You

Dear Friends,

I want to thank you for all the meals, kind words, cards & prayers you’ve given Paul & I over the past few months. They mean so much. Your love has made this time much easier.

Thank You!

Love, Keri Faircloth



Dining Out With Ocean Grill: Ocean Grill has a dine-to-donate program where Bethel UMC receives 10% of your sale to the church. All you need to do is simply mark on the top of your receipt Bethel UMC. The church will then receive a check for the total of the proceeds for the month.

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	Joan Williamson
	9:15	Libby Gibson
	11:00	Connie Nack
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	Bill Collick
	9:15	Ray Davis
	11:00	Michael Emery
Audio Visual Techs:		Ethan Curry, Ray Davis, Ed Emmett, Norm Macturk, Mauro Medeiros, Todd Mentzer
Miracle Singers:	9:15	Kim Edmonds, Cathy Ferree, John Harris, Faye Kintz, Patty Marvel, Bill Powell

Weekly Statistics

Attendance: July 6, 2025: 289 (8:00-67; 9:15-121; 11:00-101)

Contributions for July 6, 2025

weekly deposit	\$ 19,424.41
weekly budget	\$ 16,461.43
YTD collection	\$ 427,678.69
YTD budget	\$ 444,458.61



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 3 Sundays open and the 1st to 5th grade class is filled! 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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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 Vacation Bible School.



The Rosebud on the Altar: The Rosebud on the Altar is in honor of Skylar Lee Harbester, Daughter of William Jones Harbester & Samantha Aimee Harbester. Skylar was born July 9, 2024 at Beebe Hospital, Lewes, DE. The Rosebud is given by Elizabeth Circle in Memory of the late Carolyn Garwood, who originally started the rosebud dedications.



Curiosity Shop Thank You: Bethel Women's Ministry would like to thank our church family for all of your contributions of treasures for this years Priceless Curiosity Shop.

NOTE SHEET

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"Things We Cannot See"

Colossians 1:15-28

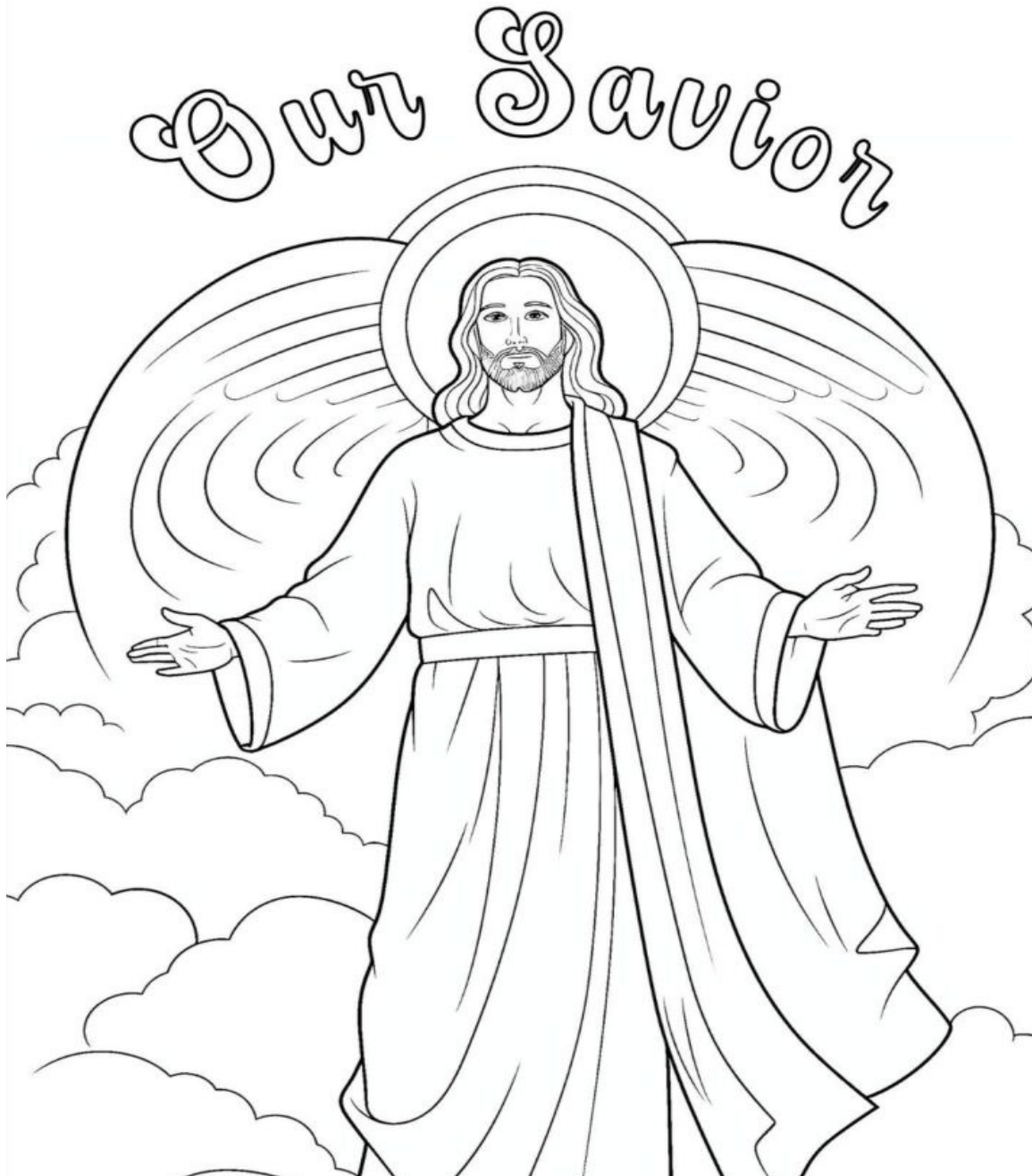
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1. 1st Peter 1:8-9 says, "Although you have not _____ him, you _____ him, and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls."
2. Jeremiah 33:3, "_____ to me, and I will _____ you and will tell you great and hidden things that you have not known."
3. God longs to _____ from us!
4. God longs to bring _____ and _____ to us.
5. Paul tells us that Jesus is the _____ of God.
6. Colossian 1:18-19, "_____ is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell..."
7. May we use our spiritual _____ to speak hope and life to the world.

Scripture references to ponder: 1st Peter 1:1-9, Psalm 137, Jeremiah 33:1-12.

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





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.

