

## Colossians 2:6-19 NRSVUE

<sup>6</sup> As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, continue to walk in him, <sup>7</sup> rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving. <sup>8</sup> Watch out that no one takes you captive through philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental principles of the world, and not according to Christ. <sup>9</sup> For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, <sup>10</sup> and you have come to fullness in him, who is the head of every ruler and authority. <sup>11</sup> In him also you were circumcised with a spiritual circumcision, by the removal of the body of the flesh in the circumcision of Christ; <sup>12</sup> when you were buried with him in baptism, you were also raised with him through faith in the power of God, who raised him from the dead. <sup>13</sup> And when you were dead in trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you alive together with him, when he forgave us all our trespasses, <sup>14</sup> erasing the record that stood against us with its legal demands. He set this aside, nailing it to the cross. <sup>15</sup> He disarmed the rulers and authorities and made a public example of them, triumphing over them in it. <sup>16</sup> Therefore, do not let anyone condemn you in matters of food or drink or of observing festivals, new moons, or Sabbaths. <sup>17</sup> These are only a shadow of what is to come, but the body belongs to Christ. <sup>18</sup> Do not let anyone disqualify you, insisting on self-abasement and worship of angels, initiatory visions, puffed up without cause by a human way of thinking, <sup>19</sup> and not holding fast to the head, from whom the whole body, nourished and held together by its ligaments and tendons, grows with a growth that is from God.

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

July 20, 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 20, 2025  
8:00 & 11 a.m. Service

## GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

Prelude: "O God Our Help In Ages Past" arr. Koerts

Greeting & Announcements

\*Call to Worship:

Leader: Welcome to worship this day.  
**People:** *We have come seeking peace and hope.*  
Leader: This is the house of the Lord. In it you will find what you seek.  
**People:** *Help us to open our hearts to God's words and will for us.*  
Leader: Ask for God's help - it will be given to you.  
**People:** *Praise be to God who loves and cares for us. Amen!*

## GIVE PRAISE TO GOD

\*Opening Hymn: "Ye Servants of God".....#181 UMH

Opening Prayer: *Lord of Hope and Peace, we have come this day asking for your mercy. Grant us your pardon. We have come this day seeking peace in our lives; grant us peace. Teach us how to be compassionate disciples for you. For we ask this in Christ's 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 20—JULY 27

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	
Tuesday	6:300 p.m.	Church Council - PMH
	7:00 p.m.	Tuesday on the Town
Friday	Pastor Jim's Sabbath Ray Davis's Sabbath	
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

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



**7/20/2025**

- Family & Friends of Elissa Ruppert, Daughter of Steve & Elaine Rellihan, who passed.



# Come Alive Time WORSHIP

July 20, 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: *"I Believe"*  
*"Come Thou Fount/Restless Heart"*

Sacrament of Baptism: Benjamin Richard Mitchell IV

Baptism Response: *"Borning Cry"*

Children's Message: *"Remember"*

Joys & Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

Offering: *"Baptized"*

## LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD

Scripture Lesson: Colossians 2:6-19

Message: *"Just the Facts"*

Pastor Jim Penuel

## GO FORTH IN GOD'S NAME

\*Closing Song: *"Amen - Because He Lives"*

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

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS



**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 pre-washed 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](mailto:prmonti@aol.com) or



Bev Delli Santi [bevdell45@comcast.net](mailto:bevdell45@comcast.net) if you have questions. Thanks!



**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.



### **Text & Email Scams**

Hello everyone,  
Unfortunately, another wave of both scam texts and emails are being sent out. In the body of the text they are pretending to be me asking for favors and money. Please disregard and delete these texts and emails when you receive them and report them as spam.

Thank you, Pastor Jim

## ANNOUNCEMENTS



**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.



**The Rosebud on the Altar:** The Rosebud on the Altar is in honor of Benjamin Richard Mitchell IV, Son of Benjamin Richard Mitchell III & Olivia Grace Mitchell. Benjamin was born August 28, 2023 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:** Women’s Ministry extends a heartfelt thank you to everyone who donated, volunteered, and supported the Curiosity Shop! Because of you, we raised \$3,711.89 to benefit women and children in Sussex County and abroad. Leftover items were donated to Teen Challenge.



**Women’s Ministry Meeting:** No meeting in August—we’ll see you on September 10 at 10:30 AM! All are welcome!

## 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](http://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  
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**Leaders for Today’s Service**

- Greeters:

8:00

Linda Gillen

9:15

Libby Gibson

11:00

Alison Parsell
- 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

Les Stephenson

9:15

Ray Davis

11:00

Joyce Snyder
- 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 13, 2025: 313 ( 8:00-70; 9:15-162; 11:00-81)

Contributions for July 13, 2025

weekly deposit	\$ 12,357.41
weekly budget	\$ 16,461.43
YTD collection	\$ 440,036.10
YTD budget	\$ 460,920.04



*To enroll, click on the “Giving” tab on the Church’s website.*



**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

65<sup>th</sup> Annual

Lewes Antiques & Home Décor

Show & Sale

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Bethel United Methodist Church

Bethel Family

Thanks to all the volunteers,  
advertisers, sponsors, Bethel staff, and  
attendees. Your willing participation  
made this year’s event a huge success!

With Grateful Hearts,  
The Co-Chairs & Leadership Team





# BETHEL UMC GOLF OUTING

The 2:03, 2:12, 2:21, 2:30, 2:39 and 2:48 tee times (24 spots) on

Saturday, August 16th have been reserved at the Rookery Golf Club for a Bethel Golf Outing. All golfers are invited! This will be at the twilight rate with options for 18 or 9 holes and either riding a cart or walking. No handicaps --- just some good fun. Feel free to invite your friends, your spouse or your kids to play with us, we will pair folks up who want to play with each other. For

any questions or to sign up please reach out to

Ray Davis at [ray@bethellewes.org](mailto:ray@bethellewes.org)



Note Sheet

“Just the Facts”

Colossians 2:6-19

7/20/25

1. The Colossians need to remember that their faith ends and begins in the Lordship of \_\_\_\_\_.
2. Worshipping together week after week helps us to “\_\_\_\_\_.”
3. One of the primary reasons that we worship as the body of Christ and celebrate the holidays of the church, is to participate in \_\_\_\_\_ together.
4. What brought peace to the Psalmist in a time of struggle and grief? \_\_\_\_\_.
5. Paul tells us that in order for us to grow and mature in the faith the way that we need to, we need to keep ourselves connected to “\_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_.”
6. Keeping \_\_\_\_\_ and his \_\_\_\_\_ as our head will help us to be the healthiest version of the church that we can be.
7. Let us teach Christ's \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ to our children, their children, and their children after them, so that the power and truth of our faith lives on.

Scripture reading for further reflection: Psalm 77, John 15:1-17

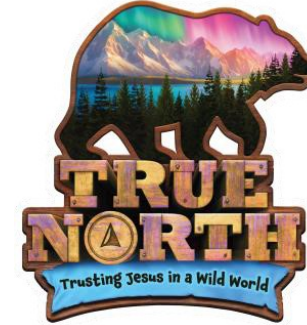
Note: You may access the Digital Sermon Note Page

by scanning the QR Code



## JESUS LOVES THE LITTLE CHILDREN

I know that Jesus loves me. I can feel His love in my heart. I can see it in the love I receive from my family and friends, in the beauty of God's creation, and in the little whisper in my heart that tells me everything is going to be all right.



## VBS Closing Program

**Thursday July 31st 12:00 pm**

Please join us in the Fellowship Hall as our students share how they have been trusting Jesus in this Wild World during our True North VBS. Students will share songs and verses that they have learned. You don't want to miss it!

## Call for VBS Tear Down Help

Immediately following our VBS closing program on Thursday July 31st at approximately 12:30, we will need assistance in tearing down from VBS. We will reset the church for the upcoming Sunday. Please consider helping to make the process run more smoothly and quickly. Contact Katie Davis or Joyce Mentzer for more information.