Colossians 1:1-14 NRSV

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Timothy our brother, ² To the saints and faithful brothers and sisters in Christ in Colossae: Grace to you and peace from God our Father ³ In our prayers for you we always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, ⁴ for we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love that you have for all the saints, ⁵ because of the hope laid up for you in heaven. You have heard of this hope before in the word of the truth, the gospel ⁶ that has come to you. Just as it is bearing fruit and growing in the whole world, so it has been bearing fruit among yourselves from the day you heard it and truly comprehended the grace of God. ⁷ This you learned from Epaphras, our beloved fellow servant. He is a faithful minister of Christ on our behalf, 8 and he has made known to us your love in the Spirit. ⁹ For this reason, since the day we heard it, we have not ceased praying for you and asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of God's will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, ¹⁰ so that you may walk worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him, as you bear fruit in every good work and as you grow in the knowledge of God. 11 May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, so that you may have all endurance and patience, joyfully 12 giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. 13 He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, ¹⁴ in whom we have redemption, the

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

Thanks be to God!

July 6, 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.

forgiveness of sins.



July 6, 2025 8:00 & 11 a.m. Service

GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

Prelude: "Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring" by Bach

Greeting & Announcements

GIVE PRAISE TO GOD

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

Opening Prayer: Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hidden. Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Invitation: Christ our Lord invites to his table all who love him, who earnestly repent of their sin and seek to live in peace with one another. Therefore, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

Confession: Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart. We have failed to be an obedient church. We have not done your will, we have broken your law, we have rebelled against your love, we have not loved our neighbors, and we have not heard the cry of the needy. Forgive us we pray. Free us for joyful obedience, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Words of Pardon

Leader: Hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that proves God's love toward us. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

People: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

All: Glory to God. Amen.



Sunday	8:00 a.m. 9:15 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	Traditional Worship Live - Sanctuary Contemporary Worship -Come Alive Time - Sanctuary Summer Sunday School - Various Rooms Traditional Worship Live - Sanctuary
Monday		Joyce Mentzer's Sabbath
Friday	9:00 a.m. 10:00a.m.	Pastor Jim's Sabbath Ray Davis's Sabbath Lewes Antiques & Home Décor Show & Sale Curiosity Shop & Yard Sale
Saturday	9:00 a.m. 8:00 a.m.	Lewes Antiques & Home Décor Show & Sale Curiosity Shop & Yard Sale
Sunday	8:00 a.m. 8:00 a.m. 9:15 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	Traditional Worship Live - Sanctuary Bethel Men's Group - PMH Contemporary Worship -Come Alive Time - Sanctuary Summer Sunday School - Various Rooms 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 7/6/2025

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

Rehabilitation: Nancy Hecker, David Hurlock, Woody Wilson

Hospital: Dottie Mckain, Frances Smith

<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, 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, 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, *Dawn Vandegrift*, 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, Linda Mounts, Janice Owens, Ron Krajeiski, Dale Stough

Other:

- Prayers for the Adult & Student Mission Team going to Cincinnati, OH.
- 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 David Roux, Brother of Lisa Gaskill, who passed away.
- Family & Friends of Diane Burke, wife of Kevin, who passed away.

LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD

Joys & Concerns and Pastoral Prayer

God's Tithes and our Offerings

Offertory: "Song of the Wanderer" by Forrest

presented by Bridget Knutsen

*Doxology:.....#95 UMH

Scripture Lesson: Colossians 1:1-14

Message "Scattering Seeds" Pastor Jim Penuel

CELEBRATE THE SACRAMENT

Service of Word and Table I.....#9 UMH

The Lord's Prayer (sung)

Song For The Sacrament: "Be Still and Know" by Chapman

presented by Bridget Knutsen

Prayer After Communion: Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves for others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

GO FORTH IN GOD'S NAME

*Closing Hymn: "Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether".....#632 UMH

*Benediction

*Postlude: "March in D" by Handel

*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.

WORSHIP Come Alive Time

July 6, 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: "Here For You"

"Forever Reign"

Children's Message: "We Are The Planters!"

Joys & Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

Offering: "Song of the Wanderer"

presented by Bridget Knutsen

LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD

Scripture Lesson: Colossians 1:1-14

Message "Scattering Seeds" Pastor Jim Penuel

CELEBRATE THE SACRAMENT

Holy Communion

Song For The Sacrament: "Be Still and Know"

presented by Bridget Knutsen

GO FORTH IN GOD'S NAME

*Closing Song: "God So Loved"

*Benediction

*Those who are able, please stand.

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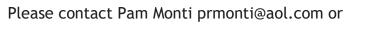


A Call for Sewists: The Missions/Elizabeth Circle team would like to thank all the sewists that have completed and returned the shorts and dress kits for the Congo Missions project. So far we are almost half way to our goal

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.





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

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Love Offering: The July Love Offering will Ronald McDonald 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

Bethel Ministry Staff Contact Information

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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.

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Leaders for Today's Service

Greeters: 8:00 Paul & Patty Kase

9:15 Curtis Moomaw

11:00

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 Joan Williamson

9:15 Ray Davis

11:00 Marjorie Mounts

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 29, 2025: 256 (8:00-60; 9:15-110; 11:00-86)

Contributions for June 29, 2025

weekly deposit	\$ 23,397.11
weekly budget	\$ 16,461.43
YTD collection	\$ 408,254.28
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 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!

<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 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 <u>kdavis4786@gmail.com</u> or phone 302-381-0864.

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.

CECECECE SHEET

Note Sheet

"Scattering Seeds"

Colossians 1:1-14

7/6/25

1. They needed to be reminded that	t is the head of the			
2. We live in a world that's filled w	vith			
3. First, everything begins with the	eir in the			
of Jesus Christ				
4. Once our hearts have been transformed by the Gospel, the church				
is meant to				
5. 1st Thessalonians 5:16-19, "Rejoice always,				
without, g	ive thanks in all circumstances, for			
this is the will of God in Christ	Jesus for you. Do not quench the			
Spirit."				
6. The mission of the church: proc	laim the of Jesus			
Christ. Help people	in the faith. Produce			
in the world.				
7. What is the next	for us?			
Scripture references for further reflec	tion: Acts 2,			
Note: You may access the Digital Ser	mon District			
Note Page by scanning the QR Code				

3 SCHOOL.

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







BLOOD DRIVE ALERT

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

<u>Tuesday, October 14.</u>

The last day to donate <u>before</u> that date is <u>August 19</u> (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 <u>before</u> <u>August 19.</u>

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.











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.