

Psalm 119:97-106 NRSVUE

⁹⁷ Oh, how I love your law! It is my meditation all day long. ⁹⁸ Your commandment makes me wiser than my enemies, for it is always with me. ⁹⁹ I have more understanding than all my teachers, for your decrees are my meditation. ¹⁰⁰ I understand more than the aged, for I keep your precepts. ¹⁰¹ I hold back my feet from every evil way, in order to keep your word. ¹⁰² I do not turn away from your ordinances, for you have taught me. ¹⁰³ How sweet are your words to my taste, sweeter than honey to my mouth! ¹⁰⁴ Through your precepts I get understanding; therefore I hate every false way. ¹⁰⁵ Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path. ¹⁰⁶ I have sworn an oath and confirmed it, to observe your righteous ordinances.

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

August 10, 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



August 10, 2025
8:00 & 11 a.m. Service

GATHER IN GOD’S NAME

Prelude: “Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus” arr. Kidwell

Greeting & Announcements

*Call to Worship:

Leader: How beautiful is the word of the Lord!
People: *How wise are God’s commandments!*
Leader: Through the Lord’s precepts, we gain understanding.
People: *Through God’s wisdom, we find truth.*
Leader: The Lord is our God; we are God’s people.
People: *God’s word lives within us, for it is written on our hearts.*
Leader: Living Word, Great Teacher, lead us and guide us!
People *Amen!*

GIVE PRAISE TO GOD

*Opening Hymn: “Be Thou My Vision”.....#451 UMH

Opening Prayer: *Lord, your words are sweet to the taste, sweeter than honey; let them be our daily meditation and our study. Give us ears to hear, for we marvel at your instruction. Train us in righteousness, grant us patience and persistence, and equip us for every good work. Inspire our faith, and give us voices to proclaim your message. Guide our feet, keep us from every false way, for you alone speak the words of life. This we pray 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.*

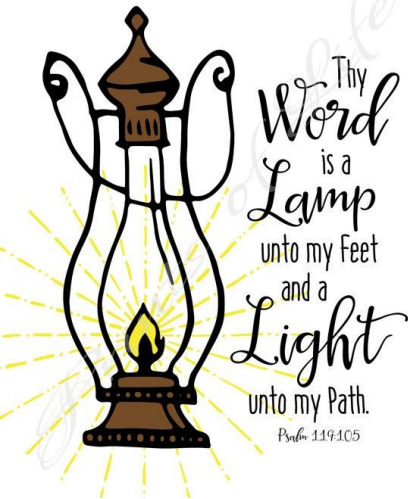
AUGUST 10–AUGUST 17

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
Monday		Joyce Mentzer’s Sabbath
	6:30 p.m.	Antiques Show Meeting - Meeting Room
Tuesday	6:30 p.m.	Trustees Meeting - PMH
	7:00 p.m.	Tuesday on the Town
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



BETHEL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH PRAYER LIST
8/10/2025

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

Rehabilitation: Nancy Hecker, David Hurlock, **Bobby Lane**, Paul Webb

Hospital: Dottie Mckain

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

General Concerns: **Carolyn Arrell**, **Felena Bartlett**, Marilyn Battiste, Paula Carridan, Tracy Carson, Bob Dathe, Pat Emmett, Joyce Famelio, Jessica, **Lee Maxwell**, Kelly Pinsky, Pam Reed, **Linda Sydell & Family**, Jayne Tamborello

Long Term: Ansalvish Family, Barry Attix, Bryan Attix, Rev. Gloria Attix, Fran Baker, Matthew Baker, Ruth Ann Baker, Ginny Barney, Wesley Beam, **Nancy Bektolino**, Gavin Birl, Daryl Bradley, Inez Brengle, Liz Carrier, John Caycedo, Janette Clavette, 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, **Danny Gillespie**, Hazel Gillespie, **Junie Grant**, Alex Grove, George Hammond, Lou Henderson, Sharon Henderson, Connor Hiple, Jim Hooban, Kayla Hottinger, Chubby Joseph, Adam Kent, Faye Kintz, Kathy Kroley, Norm Kugel, Janice Kulp, Paulette Lazarro, Nancy Logan, Bill Lyons, Rob MacArthur, Madison MacElrevey, Matt, Kortlyn, & Bodi, Dr. Jim Marvel, Janet McGinnis, Claranne Meitrott, Stephen Metter, Marsha Miller, Chuck Naspinsky, Curt & Melinda Newsome, 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, Logan Smith, Tricia (Spangler) Gracey, Chet Sprague, Judy Stevenson, Bonnie Stevlingson, Dale Stough, Bonnie Tedesco, Peggy Thomas, Dave Trout, **Bob Turcovski**, 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 Zayatz

Up Coming Procedures:

Recovering From Procedures: **Marissa Legates**

Other:

- Safe Travels for the Milton Little League as they head to East Region Invitational.
- Victims of the flooding in Texas
- 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 Denise Tetzner on the passing of her mother.

LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD

Joys & Concerns and Pastoral Prayer

God's Tithes and our Offerings

Offertory (8): *"Festive March"* by Lasky

(11): *"Thy Word / Where Else Would I Go?"* by Smith, Grant, Barnard
presented by Logan Shuttleworth

*Doxology:.....#94 UMH

Hymn of Preparation: *"Break Thou the Bread of Life"*.....#599 UMH

Scripture Lesson: Psalm 119:97-106

Message *"Words of Life"* Pastor Jim Penuel

GO FORTH IN GOD'S NAME

*Closing Hymn: *"Standing on the Promises"*.....#374 UMH

*Benediction

*Postlude: *"Wonderful Words of Life"* arr. Hayes

**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



August 10, 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: *"Your Love Awakens Me"*
"Your Words"

Children's Message: *"The Way We Should Go"*

Joys & Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

Offering: *"Thy Word / Where Else Would I Go?"* by Smith, Grant, Barnard
presented by Logan Shuttleworth

LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD

Scripture Lesson: Psalm 119:97-106

Message *"Words of Life"*

Pastor Jim Penuel

GO FORTH IN GOD'S NAME

*Closing Song: *"Lord I Need You"*

*Benediction

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Last Call for Sewists: The Missions/Elizabeth Circle team still needs volunteers to sew shorts and dress kits for the Congo Missions project. The final date to return completed garments is August 17th. Please consider picking up a kit. We still have more to complete, so that We may reach our goal of 100 dresses and 100 shorts to be sent to the Congo.

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.

Please contact Pam Monti prmonti@aol.com or Bev Delli Santi bevdell45@comcast.net if you have questions.

Thank you for your help!



Prayer Team: If you have gifts in prayer, intercessory prayer, and a willingness to pray for our church, community, nation, and world, we would love to have you join us! Pastor Jim, Susie Keefer, & Joyce Snyder are interested in starting a prayer team here at Bethel. If you are interested in joining us please email Pastor Jim at PastorJim@bethellewes.org.



Text & Email Scams

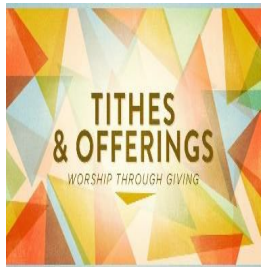
Hello everyone,
Unfortunately, another wave of both scam texts and emails are being sent out. In the body of the text they are pretending to be me asking for favors and money. Please disregard and delete these texts and emails when you receive them and report them as spam.

Thank you, Pastor Jim

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Love Offering: The August Love Offering will benefit Pathways to Success. Pathways to Success is a Delaware non-profit organization whose mission is to prepare youth, adults and their families for successful lives. They provide tutoring, mentoring, financial literacy education, occupational skills training, workforce preparation and leadership development. 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.



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	Janet Jack
	9:15	Bob Dathe
	11:00	Ralph Scott
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	Nancy Smith
	9:15	Ray Davis
	11:00	Emory Buck
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: August 3, 2025: 312 (8:00-68; 9:15-152; 11:00-92)

Contributions for August 3, 2025

weekly deposit	\$ 18,357.50
weekly budget	\$ 16,461.43
YTD collection	\$ 481,530.87
YTD budget	\$ 510,304.33



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



ANNOUNCEMENTS

TRUE NORTH VBS A SUCCESS!

Thank you to our amazing church family for helping to make our True North VBS a wonderful success! Our 96 students had a wonderful time learning about trusting Jesus in this wild world throughout the 4 days. They learned about our partnership with the Congo Partnership and raised money to help orphans with their daily living needs. Our week would not have run smoothly without our 44 adult and teen volunteers who ran stations, were group leaders, and loved our students each day! Thank you to Joyce Mentzer for her music and decorative talents along with Todd Mentzer & Ray Davis for jumping in as needed. We are looking forward to Rainforest Falls next year!

COMBINED WORSHIP - 10:30 am

SUNDAY SCHOOL KICK-OFF

BOUNCE HOUSE

FREE FOOD

* An 8:00 traditional service will also be provided that day.

Celebrate a new season of ministry at

Bethel United Methodist Church

SEPT. 7 @ 10:30 AM

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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



NOTE SHEET

Note Sheet

Words of Life

Psalm 119:97-106

8/10/25

1. Reasons we read the Bible:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____

2. The Bible serves as our “_____” and our “_____”.

3. The Bible gives us those bounds for how to live a life that not only honors _____ but also honors _____.

4. The Psalmist reminds us that following God's precepts for us brings _____.

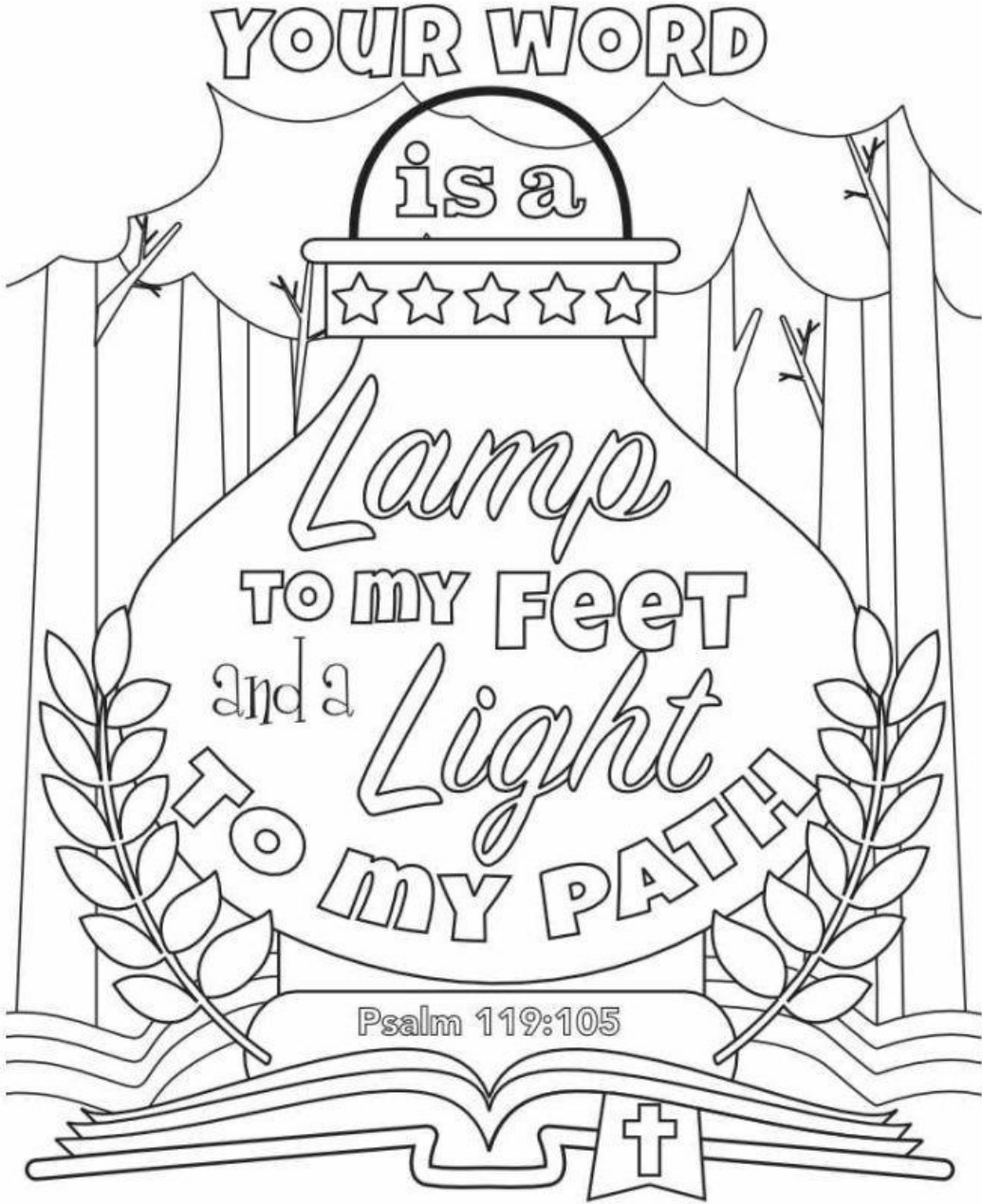
5. Following God's law brings _____ to our lives.

6. We remember, as we look at the whole of the cannon of scripture that in the good times and the bad, that God is _____.

Scripture reading for further reflection: Psalm 119

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





Psalm 119 - Thy Word is a Lamp to My Feet

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