

John 17:14-26 NRSVUE

¹⁴ I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. ¹⁵ I am not asking you to take them out of the world, but I ask you to protect them from the evil one. ¹⁶ They do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. ¹⁷ Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. ¹⁸ As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. ¹⁹ And for their sakes I sanctify myself, so that they also may be sanctified in truth. ²⁰ “I ask not only on behalf of these but also on behalf of those who believe in me through their word, ²¹ that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. ²² The glory that you have given me I have given them, so that they may be one, as we are one, ²³ I in them and you in me, that they may become completely one, so that the world may know that you have sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me. ²⁴ Father, I desire that those also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory, which you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world. ²⁵ “Righteous Father, the world does not know you, but I know you, and these know that you have sent me. ²⁶ I made your name known to them, and I will make it known, so that the love with which you have loved me may be in them and I in them.”

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

August 24, 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 24, 2025
8:00 & 11 a.m. Service

GATHER IN GOD’S NAME

Prelude: “Jesus Loves Me (with Beethoven’s Sonatina in G Major)” arr. McConnell

Greeting & Announcements

*Call to Worship:

Leader: The Spirit is coming to bless us all with a new song:
People: *Let our joy be complete!*
Leader: Gifts for the good of all, poured out on all to teach us a new song: Love one another!
People: *Strangers and neighbors, foreigners and family will join in the new song:*
Leader: No longer servants but friends!
People: *Come, let our worship make a joyful noise, Rejoicing in the friendship of God.*

GIVE PRAISE TO GOD

*Opening Hymn: “God of Grace and God of Glory”.....#577 UMH

Opening Prayer: *O loving God, All the ends of the earth marvel at your deeds of power; we feel your presence as growth returning to the countryside; we rejoice as we remember your faithfulness and steadfast love revealed in the risen Christ. Surround us with that faithfulness and steadfast love. Fill us with generosity and courage so that we may be called your friends and go forth to befriend your world. 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 24–AUGUST 31

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
	10:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	Visitation for Joseph Capaldi - Sanctuary Celebration of Life-Joseph Capaldi - Sanctuary
Thursday	6:00 p.m.	Miracle Singers - BFH
Friday		Pastor Jim’s Sabbath
		Ray Davis’s Sabbath
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Church Livestream Available Online Sundays
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BFH - Bethel Fellowship Hall
PMH - Parsonage Meeting House



BETHEL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH PRAYER LIST
8/24/2025

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, Lucy Harris, Jim Kardas, Brenda Keith, Sharon Messinger, Mrs. Sample

General Concerns: Carolyn Arrell, Felena Bartlett, Marilyn Battiste, Paula Carridan, Tracy Carson, Scott Dailey, Bob Dathe, Pat Emmett, Jessica, *Kelseq*, Lee Maxwell, Whitney Murray, Kelly Pinsky, Pam Reed, Naomi Rickards, *Janice Skok*, Linda Sydell & Family, Jayne Tamborello, *Theresa Walls*, Joan Webb, *Linda White*

Long Term: Ansavlish 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, Erika, 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, Kelly Harp, 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: *Irving Walls*

Recovering From Procedures: Joyce Famelio, Marissa Legates, Cecelia Offidani, *Rob Skok*

Other:

- 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 Joseph Capaldi, Sr., who passed away August 17th. Service will be August 25th at 11:00am at Bethel with a visitation one hour prior.*
- *Family of Paul Sponaule on the passing of his father Bill Sponaule. Grandfather to Kayla & Owen Sponaule.*
- Family & Friends of Jane Carey who passed away on August 8th.
- Family & Friends of Gary Stabley, who passed away August 13th.

LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD

(11) Sacrament of Baptism: Adrian McCabe & Josiah McCabe

(11) 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: *"Alleluia, Sing to Jesus"* arr. Hayes
presented by Jean Cantrell

*Doxology:.....#94 UMH

Hymn of Preparation: *"In Christ There Is No East or West"*.....#548 UMH

*Gospel Lesson: John 17:14-26

Message *"Diversity and Unity"* Pastor Jim Penuel

GO FORTH IN GOD'S NAME

*Closing Hymn: *"They'll Know We Are Christians By Our Love"*.....See Insert

*Benediction

*Postlude: *"Praise His Greatness"* 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 24, 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: *"Love the Lord"*
"Jesus"

Children's Message: *"What Brings Us Together?"*

Joys & Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

Offering: *"Make Us One"*

LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD

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Message *"Diversity and Unity"*

Pastor Jim Penuel

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*Benediction

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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.

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY WORK DAY - SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 20



The Methodist Men are again sponsoring a work day with Habitat for Humanity. Our next assigned date is Saturday, September 20 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. 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 either in Seaford 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.



Elizabeth Circle Meting: Please note time! The Elizabeth Circle will begin our new year of service and fellowship in Fellowship Hall on Tuesday September 2nd, 2025, at 12:45 AM. We will serve refreshments and enjoy a social gathering, then begin the business meeting shortly after, planning some of our activities for this year. For more information about the Circle, contact Donna Fleischauer (djmarrin@yahoo.com) or any Circle member. We welcome all women of Bethel to join us.

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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.



Fall Bible study : Jonah and Hosea These two prophets tell the leaders of Nineveh and of Israel what changes need to be made to be acceptable to God and avoid His harsh judgment. Jonah runs away from delivering God’s message and Hosea gives a real life example in his own marriage. Although they lived around 700 BC, we can see many of the same issues are happening today in our country and in the world. What can we learn about God from their experiences ? We meet in the PMH on Thursdays from 1 - 2:30 pm beginning September 18. We will end no later than December 11th. Led by Kay Poole. For questions or to let Kay know you plan to attend email - bookay10@comcast.net



The Rosebud on the Altar: The Rosebud on the Altar is in honor of Adrian McCabe, Son of Josiah McCabe & Christine Lister. Adrian was born September 4, 2021 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.



The Rosebud on the Altar: The Rosebud on the Altar is in honor of Josiah McCabe, Son of Josiah McCabe & Christine Lister. Josiah was born December 21, 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.

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.
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Leaders for Today’s Service

Greeters:	8:00	Bill & Nancy Collick
	9:15	Kevin White
	11:00	Pam Monti
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	Jim Vandegrift
Audio Visual Techs:		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 17, 2025: 289 (8:00-51; 9:15-137; 11:00-101)

Contributions for August 17, 2025

weekly deposit	\$ 14,180.68
weekly budget	\$ 16,461.43
YTD collection	\$ 507,486.78
YTD budget	\$ 543,227.19



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



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday School Teachers Needed

Interested in Teaching Sunday School for the 2025-2026 School Year?

We are looking for Sunday School teachers for several of our class-rooms, along with substitute teachers. Teachers work together to create a rotating schedule that works best for the team. You do not need to teach every Sunday of the school year! Many teaching teams only teach once a month. There is an easy to follow curriculum and supplies available at each age level. We are looking for additional 2 & 3 year old teachers, 1st/2nd grade teachers, 4th-6th grade teachers, 7th to 12th grade teachers. Would you consider sharing the love of Jesus with our youngest Bethel members? Safe Sanctuary Training and Background Check required. If you can’t commit to a classroom, we are building our Substitute teaching list for the school year.

Contact Katie Davis kdavis4786@gmail.com or 302-381-0864

Sunday School Registration

Now Open for 2025-2026 School Year!

We are getting excited for another year of learning and growing as young disciples of Jesus! Sunday School is offered during the 9:15 worship service. The children attend the 9:15 service and are dismissed after enjoying worship time through song and a children’s message. We currently provide classes for the following age groups: 2s & 3s, 4s & 5s (Kindergarten), 1st & 2nd grade, 3rd grade, 4th-6th grade and 7th-12th grade. Please visit the Bethel website to complete an updated registration form that can be found under the information tab. A new form must be completed each school year for all students. All students who register before Sunday September 7th will be entered for a chance to win a Dairy Queen gift card at our Bounce Back to Church event! Contact Katie Davis with questions or for more information.

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MUSIC MINISTRY

Registration now open for Music Ensembles!

Bethel is truly blessed to have so many wonderful musicians who are willing to share their time and talent to enhance our worship experiences and we thank all who participated in our Summer musical offerings. But now it's time to gear-up for a new season of music ministry at Bethel with the start of our music ensembles. If you'd like to join an ensemble or sign your child up to participate, please see the rehearsal times and start-up dates below. **Please don't forget to register online** at bethellewes.org (Information tab > Forms & Sign-ups). Questions? Contact Joyce Mentzer at jkmmentzer@bethellewes.org.

- **King's Kids** (5 yrs–2nd grade) meet on Wednesdays at 6:00 starting Sept. 10
- **"J" Crew** (3rd–6th) meet on Tuesdays at 6:00 starting Sept. 9
- **Youth Music Ministry YM²** (7th-12th) meet on Tuesdays at 7:00 starting Sept. 9
- **Chancel Choir** (older youth & adults) meet on Thursdays at 7:15 starting Sept. 4
- **First Towne Ringers** (older youth & adults) meet on Wednesdays at 7:00 starting Sept. 17. *Please contact Joyce Mentzer if you're interested in participating.*
- **Miracle Singers** (older youth & adults) meet on Thursdays at 6:00
Please contact Joyce Mentzer if you're interested in participating.



NOTE SHEET

Note Sheet

Diversity and Unity

John 17:14-26

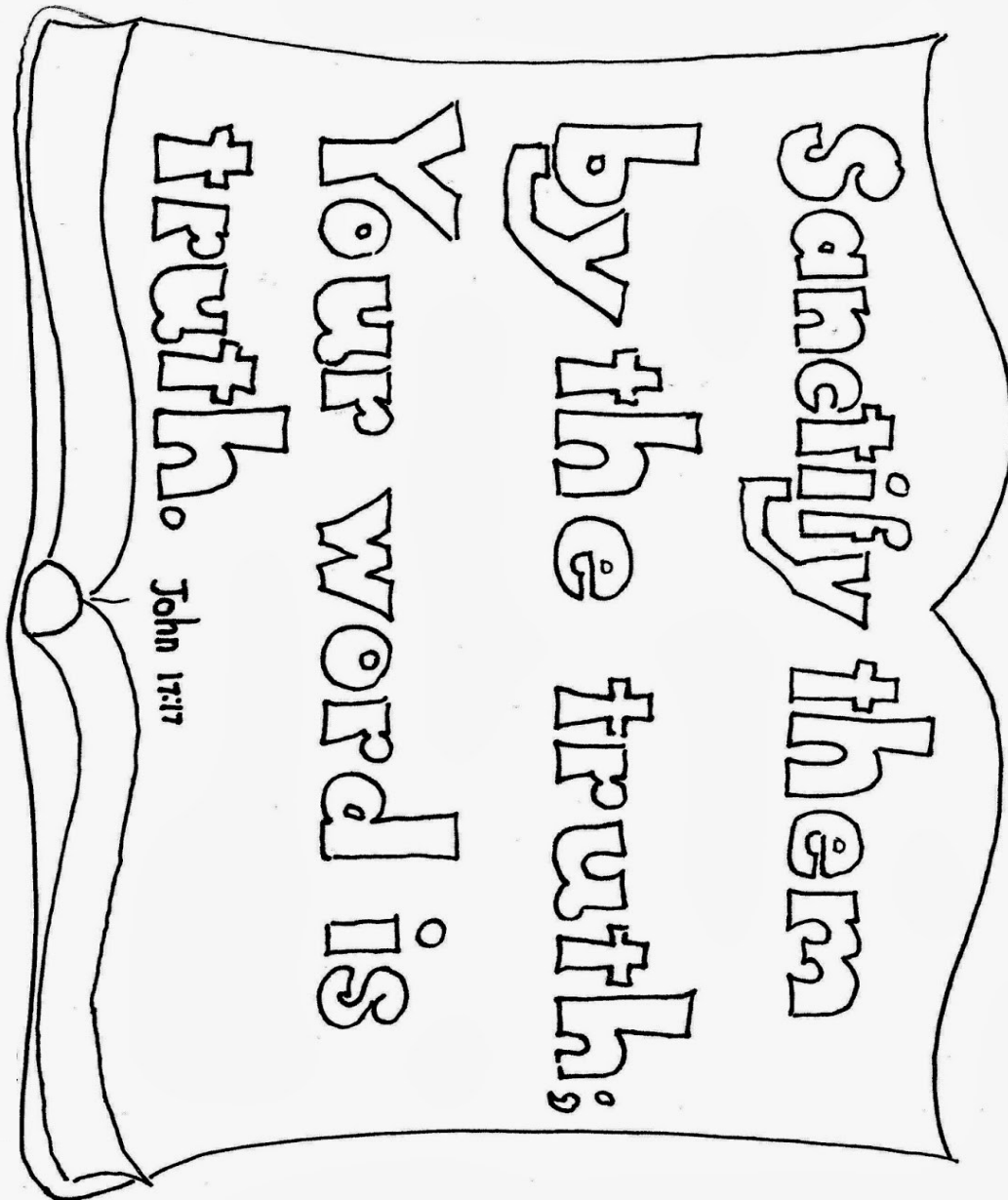
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1. We all read the scriptures through our own “_____.”
2. Why oneness? Verse 21 gives us the answer: “...so that the world may _____ that you have sent me.”
3. Friends, the thing that can draw us together as Christians, is _____.
4. However, I think that we as Christians of all denominations and creeds can be better at living out our faith together if we learn how to _____ our similarities while still _____ our differences.
5. In other words, “oneness” can be found in how we choose to _____.
6. I think it's important to note Jesus didn't pray that we would all “_____.” He prayed that we would be “_____.”
7. They will know we are Christians by our _____.

Scripture reading for further reflection: John 13-17, Acts 15:36-41.

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





BOUNCE BACK TO CHURCH!

- ▶ COMBINED WORSHIP - 10:30 am
- ▶ SUNDAY SCHOOL KICK-OFF
- ▶ BOUNCE HOUSE
- ▶ FREE FOOD
- ▶ BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS

* 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



Volunteers Needed For Bounce Back to Church:

The "Bounce Back to Church" event on September 7th will be happening soon and we need some volunteers to help. We will need 4 people to help scooping ice cream and help with the fixings, 4 people to help serving the pizza, 4 people to supervisor the bounce houses, and will need help with registration for Sunday school.

If you are available to help please contact Pastor Jim at pastorjim@bethellewes.org.

Thank you for helping to make this event a success!