

ACTS 16:9-15 NRSVUE

⁹ During the night Paul had a vision: there stood a man of Macedonia pleading with him and saying, “Come over to Macedonia and help us.” ¹⁰ When he had seen the vision, we immediately tried to cross over to Macedonia, being convinced that God had called us to proclaim the good news to them. ¹¹ We therefore set sail from Troas and took a straight course to Samothrace, the following day to Neapolis, ¹² and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city for some days. ¹³ On the Sabbath day we went outside the gate by the river, where we supposed there was a place of prayer, and we sat down and spoke to the women who had gathered there. ¹⁴ A certain woman named Lydia, a worshiper of God, was listening to us; she was from the city of Thyatira and a dealer in purple cloth. The Lord opened her heart to listen eagerly to what was said by Paul. ¹⁵ When she and her household were baptized, she urged us, saying, “If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come and stay at my home.” And she prevailed upon us.

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

August 9, 2026



*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 9, 2026
8:00 & 11:00 a.m. Service

GATHER IN GOD’S NAME

Prelude: “Wonderful Words of Life” arr. Hayes

Greeting & Announcements

*Call to Worship:

Leader: We come together this day, drawn by the light of God’s love!

People: *In God’s eternal kingdom, darkness and despair are vanquished.*

Leader: In God’s eternal realm, peace and hope reign!

People: *Let all the people praise God with their music and their voices!*

Leader: Let all the people praise God with their deeds of loving-kindness!

People: *Praise be to God. Amen!*

GIVE PRAISE TO GOD

*Opening Hymn: “Christ for the World We Sing”.....#568

Opening Prayer: *Holy God, give us eyes to see, ears to hear, and hearts that are open to your leading. Open us to the needs and opportunities around us to help those seeking you. Help us use the gifts and graces you have entrusted us with to build your kingdom, and share your light and love. 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 9–AUGUST 16

Sunday	8:00 a.m.	Traditional Worship Live - Sanctuary
	9:15 a.m.	Contemporary Worship -Come Alive Time - BFH
	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.	Nominating Committee Meeting - PMH
Tuesday	6:30 p.m.	Trustees Meeting - PMH
Thursday	6:00 p.m.	Miracle Singers - BFH
Friday		Pastor Jim’s Sabbath Ray Davis’s Sabbath
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BFH - Bethel Fellowship Hall
PMH - Parsonage Meeting House



PRAYER LIST 8/9/2026

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

Rehabilitation: David Hurlock, Paul Webb

Hospital: Rosalba Bellen (Friend of Kathy Engel), John Horne, Trent Prechatka, Jodie Reynolds

Hospice: Norah Atkins, Rosemary Bouvier, Donald Dickey, Mrs. Sample, Barbara Starkweather, Jim Willhite

General Concerns: Andy Baker, Mike Bakker, Bill, ***Donna Bowers***, ***Sharon Cherry***, ***Chris Clark***, Brett Conaway, Scott Dailey, Daniel, Ruth Dougherty, Bridget Fowler, Chandler Fox, Joan Fox, Fred Gentry, Bill Gibbons, Giovanna, ***Rev. Sterling Green***, Gus Jack Harrison, Connie Hearn, Jim Holt, Bob Hunsberger, Ida, Laura (Daughter of Marilyn Emanuel), Harry Marker & Family, Mason, Ginny Mitchell, June Myers, Tammy Myers & Family, Brody O'Neill, Pauline Powell, Margaret Quillen, Bruce Sheppard, Steven, Danny Summers, Debbie Summers, Helen Walter

Long Term: Ansalvish Family, Bryan Attix, Rev. Gloria Attix, Fran Baker, Ruth Ann Baker, Ginny Barney, Wesley Beam, Mike Beaucheman, Dave Beddle, Nancy Bektolino, Daryl Bradley, Elaine Bramante, Inez Brengle, Dale Buckwalter, Dan Carrier, Liz Carrier, Janette Clavette, Victor Colon, Rev. Charles Covington, Jay Dentino, Bob Dickey, Jim & Marilyn Emanuel, Pat Emmett, Tom Engel, Olga Fitch, Frank Fitzgerald Sr, Michael Gallagher, Peggy Gastner, Gayle Gibbons, Danny Gillespie, Hazel Gillespie, Jude Gray, Jeanne Hafer, George Hammond, Kelly Harp, Heather & Indy, Nancy Hecker, Jack Henriksen, Jim Hooban, David Jones, Erika Jones, Chubby Joseph, Deb Kellenbenz, Adam Kent, Faye Kintz, Norm Kugel, Janice Kulp, Donna LaValle, Paulette Lazarro, Nancy Logan, Bill Lyons, Rob MacArthur, Dr. Jim Marvel, Patty Marvel, Medhi, Claranne Meitrott, Stephen Metler, Stephanie Miller, Rev. Charles Moyer, Nancy (Friend of Janine Phillips) Chuck Naspinsky, Ted Niemczyk, Ray Norris, Lori O'Day, Brian O'Dell, Mike & Sallee O'Neill, Peter (Brother of Pauline Powell), Earl Peters, Dick Plambeck, ***Suzie Pryor*** (Niece of Elizabeth Fields), Ray Quillen, Beth Rampson, Beth Rinker, Carla Robinson, Martha Rougeux, Tom Schaich, Mary Louise Scott, John Schulze, Bill Seitz, Denny Shultz, Logan Smith, Tricia(Spangler)Gracey, Chet Sprague, Judy Stevenson, Bonnie Stevlingson, Margaret Stockslager, Dale Stough, Peggy Thomas, Dave Trout, Dawn Vandegrift, Kathy Watson, Kathy Wetherhold-Parrott, Hilda Williams, Trish Wilson, Woody Wilson, Theresa Wise, Lucretia Y., Marge Zayatz

Up Coming Procedures: ***Dick Plambeck***

Recovering From Procedures: Carol (Sister of Marilyn Emanuel), Ellie Colon, ***Kim Edmonds***, Tim Fleming, Pat Kearns, Dick Leisse, Marjorie Mounts, Carla Robinson, Dale Stough

Other:

- ***People affected by the wildfires in Washington State.***
- Mother African Union Church North, Wilmington, DE sanctuary destroyed by fire
- The people of Iran and Venezuela.
- All those caring for family and friends, especially spouses and those that have lost a child.
- Delaware Firefighters, EMS, and State & Local Troopers.
- For racial justice in the United States.

Sympathy to:

- ***Family & Friends of Bill Gepphart, who passed away suddenly on August 1st.***
- ***Family & Friends of Patty Morrison, a member of Mary Martha, who passed away.***
- ***Family & Friends of Peggi Armstrong, sister of Caroline Morrison, who passed away.***

LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD

Joys & Concerns and Pastoral Prayer

God's Tithes and our Offerings

Offertory: *"Amazing Grace"* arr. Funderburk

Katie Costello, flute

*Doxology:.....#94

Hymn of Preparation: *"Move Me"*.....#471

Stanza 1 - Move me, move me; move me to do thy will.

Stanza 2 - Teach me, teach me; teach me to sing thy praise.

Stanza 3 - Help me, help me; help me to follow thee.

Stanza 4 - Move me, move me; move me to do thy will.

Scripture Lesson: Acts 16:9-15

Message: *"Lydia; Generosity and Hospitality"* Pastor Jim Penuel

GO FORTH IN GOD'S NAME

*Closing Hymn: *"Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service"*.....#581

*Benediction & Final Blessing

Leader: As we depart, may the Peace of Christ be with you.

People: May the Peace of Christ be with you.

(All are invited to pass the Peace of Christ to all as you exit during the Postlude)

*Postlude: *"Fantasy on RATHBUN"* arr. McConnell

(incorporating Con spirito from Sonatina No. 4 by Clementi)

**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

August 9 2026
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: *"Open Up the Heavens"*
"Blessed Assurance"

Children's Message: *"We All Have Something to Give"*

Joys & Concerns and Pastoral Prayer

Offering: *"Amazing Grace"* arr. Funderburk
Katie Costello, flute

LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD

Scripture Lesson: Acts 16:9-15

Message: *"Lydia; Generosity and Hospitality"* Pastor Jim Penuel

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*Closing Song: *"Send Me"*

*Benediction & Final Blessing

Leader: As we depart, may the Peace of Christ be with you.

People: *May the Peace of Christ be with you.*

(All are invited to pass the Peace of Christ to all as you exit during the Postlude)

**Those who are able, please stand.*

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Volunteers Needed For Bounce Back to Church:



The "Bounce Back to Church" event on September 13th 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!



Email Scams: Unfortunately, another wave of scam emails are being sent out. We want you to be aware that it is going around. You can always check by clicking on the FROM: and the full address of the email will be revealed. Please disregard and delete the emails when you receive them and report them as spam.

Thank you, Pastor Jim



Blessing of the Backpacks, September 13th

It's that time of year again. We will have special prayers for the 2026-2027 school year on September 13th, and bless the backpacks of our students and the bags and totes of school employees. Along with the backpacks we will bless a token to be carried to school all year as

a reminder of God's presence, and our prayers.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BOUNCE BACK TO CHURCH!

Celebrate a new season of ministry at
Bethel United Methodist Church

SEPT. 13 @ 10:30

- ▶ **COMBINED WORSHIP - 10:30 am**
- ▶ **SUNDAY SCHOOL KICK-OFF**
- ▶ **BOUNCE HOUSES**
- ▶ **GAMES**
- ▶ **PIZZA**
- ▶ **ICE CREAM**

(8:00 Traditional worship service also provided)

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	Paul & Patty Kase
	9:15	Bill Gaskill
	11:00	Ushers
Ushers:	8:00	Ernie Stanley, Head Usher Sandy Hunsicker, & Ron Smith Assistants
	9:15	Libby Gibson, Head Usher
	11:00	Joann Brittingham, Head Usher Jim Brown, Miguel Gomez, & Ralph Scott; Assistants
Liturgists:	8:00	Jim Vandegrift
	9:15	Ray Davis
	11:00	Marjorie Mounts
Audio Visual Techs:		Ray Davis, Ed Emmett, Drew Fyock, Norm Macturk, Mauro Medeiros, Lauren Mentzer, Todd Mentzer, John Roman Nehrbas
Miracle Singers:	9:15	Kim Edmonds, Joyce Famelio, Cathy Ferree, John Harris, Patty Marvel, Bill Powell

Weekly Statistics

Attendance: August 2, 2026: 324 (8:00-52; 9:15-149; 11:00-123)

Contributions for August 2, 2026

weekly deposit	\$ 18,885.64
weekly budget	\$ 16,915.18
YTD collection	\$ 583,872.14
YTD budget	\$ 524,370.58



To enroll, click on the "Giving" tab on the Church's website.

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Love Offering: The August Love Offering will benefit Family Promise of Southern Delaware. FPSDE's mission is to help families experiencing homelessness and low-income families achieve sustainable independence through a community-based response. Family Promise of Southern Delaware serves families of all compositions. 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.



Last Call for Sewists: The Missions/Elizabeth Circle team wants to thank all of the sewists that have picked up dress and/or shorts kits, and returned the completed kits! If you are still working on completing a kit(s), please return them in the original pouch in the completed bin in Fellowship Hall by August 30th. These dresses and shorts are for the children in the Congo Mission.



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



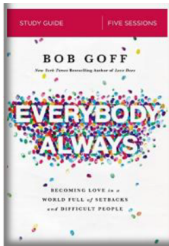
Church Office Summer Hours: Monday, Wednesday & Friday from 9am to 11am with the balance of my hours working remotely. If you need assistance outside of the hours listed above please call the church office and I will call you back as soon as possible to assist you.

Bethel UMC Men’s Ministry Opportunities!

Are you looking for a way to deepen your faith and connect with other men from Bethel UMC? Two opportunities are offered each month to gather and grow:

Second Sunday of each month, 8:00-8:45 am in the Parsonage Meeting House

- Upcoming dates August 9 and September 13

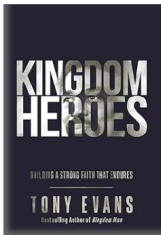


Everybody Always by Bob Goff

In Everybody, Always, Bob Goff's joyful New York Times bestselling follow-up to Love Does, you'll discover the secret to living without fear, constraint, or worry. Bob teaches you that the path toward the outsized, unfettered, liberated existence we all long for is found in one simple truth: love people, even the difficult ones, without distinction and without limits. Light reading – great discussion!

Fourth Wednesday evening of each month, 7:00-8:30 pm at Barry Eaton’s home

- Upcoming dates August 26 and September 23



Kingdom Heroes by Tony Evans

A six-session video study exploring the "Hall of Faith" in Hebrews 11. Filmed at the Museum of the Bible, it examines Old Testament figures like Noah, Abraham, and Rahab to teach how to build an enduring, trust-filled faith during difficult times. The series focuses on breaking cultural norms, navigating trials, and applying biblical principles for a lasting legacy. Are you living out your faith?

All men of Bethel are invited and encouraged to join us. Even if you haven’t been before, we welcome you to check out either/both gatherings. Light refreshments.

Please contact Barry Eaton at 1785eaton@gmail.com or Ray Davis at ray@bethellewes.org for more details.

NOTE SHEET

Note Sheet

Lydia: Generosity and Hospitality

Acts 16:9-15

8/9/26

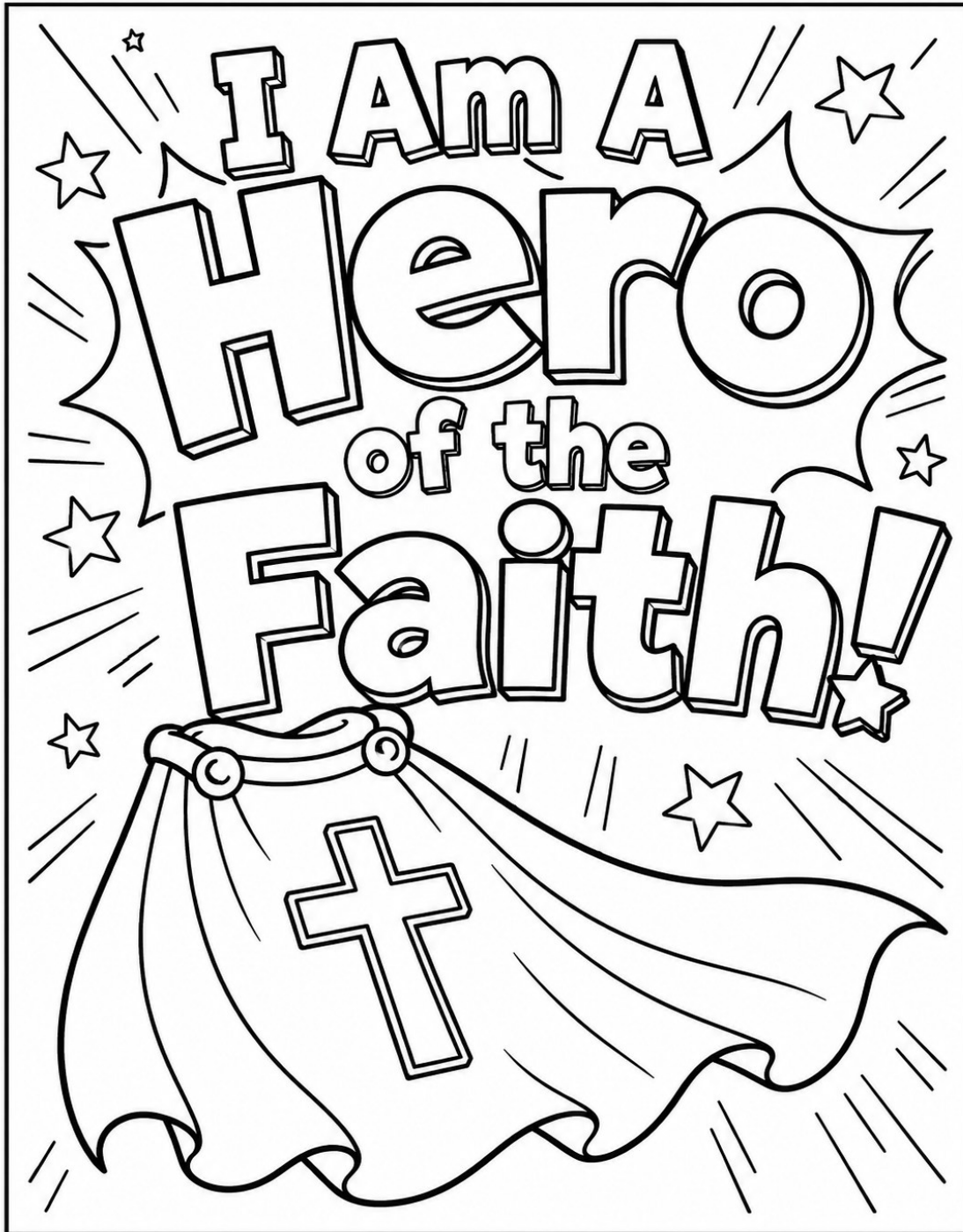
1. The seemingly “_____” that we do for the glory of God are just as important as the “Big things!”
2. Her conversion experience called her to _____.
3. No act of kindness or goodness that we share for the sake of others is _____.
4. _____ are an important part of the work of the church!
5. Each individual _____ is an invaluable part of the _____.
6. I hope you know that _____ are a hero of the faith too!

Scripture reading for further reflection: Acts 16 (whole chapter)

Note: You may access the Digital Sermon Note

Page by scanning the QR Code





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Sandwich & Side for 18 for Tharros. Tharros is fully operational, with 18 residents. Bethel is one of several faith-based organizations that will be supplying a cold supper of a sandwich and a side for each resident. To sign up just go to bethellewes.org; click on the “Information” tab and select “Bethel Food Ministries” from the dropdown menu. Under the heading “Tharros Village - Sandwich and Side” there are instructions and a direct link to the SignUp.com signup page. Openings are available every Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday through November 28th.

Deliver sandwiches and sides to 18006 Coastal Highway, Lewes between 4pm and 6pm.

Gate is kept locked: Detailed instructions are on the SignUp.com page. To view click on the words “Sandwich & Side for 18”, under any of the dates. Contact is Cathie Wagner ccwgr@aol.com.



Bethel Cookbooks Are Here!!!



The Elizabeth Circle continues to have Bethel Cookbooks for sale. They may be purchased online through the church website or by using the order forms in the lobby. Books may be picked up Sunday after services or by other arrangement. Contact Donna Fleischauer at djmarrin@yahoo.com with any questions

Cookbook Recipe Correction as of June 30, 2026:

Page 5 - Pimento Cheese Spread - Add 1 cup sharp shredded cheddar cheese to ingredients.

Page 102 - Southern Shores Cheesecake - Butter should be $\frac{3}{4}$ cup softened, not $\frac{1}{4}$ cup.

BOOK OF ACTS



ALL WELCOME

Coming in September

What: Bible Study on “The Book of Acts”

Led by: John Hammett

When: Thursday mornings from 10 – 11:30

Beginning: September 17

Ending: December 10

Want to attend? Questions? Email John at hammettjohnj@comcast.net making sure to identify yourself and contact information

Important: Read the Book of Acts before the study begins. A chapter or two a day will have you ready.

An exciting adventure awaits as we understand the Bridge built by the Holy Spirit between the Gospels and Epistles and the Church today.

Lydia Bible Story

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CHILDREN'S PAGE

Thank You, Church Family!



Thank you to our amazing church family for your prayers, donations, encouragement, and countless hours of service that made our Rainforest Falls Vacation Bible School such a wonderful success! Because of your generosity and willingness to serve, we were blessed to welcome **82 children** and **50 incredible volunteers** for an unforgettable week of learning about God's love.

Every snack prepared, decoration hung, game led, craft organized, and prayer offered helped plant seeds of faith in the hearts of our children. Thank you to our VBS Craft Day helpers for jump starting our decorations for the year! We are so grateful for each person who gave their time, talents, and resources to make this ministry possible.

Thank you for helping us share the love of Christ with the next generation. To God be the glory for all He accomplished through VBS!

Mark your calendars for VBS 2027: June 28th to July 1st!



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Sunday School Update

Please join us this summer for Summer Sunday School. Ending on August 30th.

We are looking for volunteers for 2 different classrooms;

2 years old to 1st Grade & 2nd to 5th Grade

Curriculum and supplies are available.

Please scan below to follow the link for a sign up

or contact Katie Davis at kdavis4786@gmail.com.

Thank you for a wonderful Sunday School year!



Bethel Golf Outings are Back

This golf season we still have 3 dates booked for Bethel Golf Outings at The Rookery in Milton. These outings are open to men, women and children alike. These outings are just fun ways for golfers in the church to connect and play together on Saturday afternoons. Our tee times start at 3:00 and we can accommodate up to 20 golfers for each date. You can play 9 holes or 18 and you can walk or ride carts and each outing will be at the twilight rate to be more affordable for everyone. All you need to do is email or text Ray and he will coordinate the details with everyone the week of. ***The next date we have on the books is August 22nd*** so let Ray know if you will be joining. The other dates are September 19th and October 17th. Please reach out to Ray with any questions. ray@bethellewes.org