

Jeremiah 4:11-28 NRSVUE

¹¹ At that time it will be said to this people and to Jerusalem: A hot wind comes from me out of the bare heights in the desert toward the daughter of my people, not to winnow or cleanse, ¹² a wind too strong for that. Now it is I who speak in judgment against them. ¹³ Look! He comes up like clouds, his chariots like the whirlwind; his horses are swifter than eagles— woe to us, for we are ruined! ¹⁴ O Jerusalem, wash your heart clean of wickedness so that you may be saved. How long shall your evil schemes lodge within you? ¹⁵ For a voice declares from Dan and proclaims disaster from Mount Ephraim. ¹⁶ Tell the nations, “Here they are!” Proclaim against Jerusalem, “Besiegers come from a distant land; they shout against the cities of Judah. ¹⁷ They have closed in around her like watchers of a field because she has rebelled against me, says the Lord. ¹⁸ Your ways and your doings have brought this upon you. This is your doom; how bitter it is! It has reached your very heart.” ¹⁹ My anguish, my anguish! I writhe in pain! Oh, the walls of my heart! My heart is beating wildly; I cannot keep silent, for I hear the sound of the trumpet, the alarm of war. ²⁰ Disaster overtakes disaster; the whole land is laid waste. Suddenly my tents are destroyed, my curtains in a moment. ²¹ How long must I see the standard and hear the sound of the trumpet? ²² “For my people are foolish; they do not know me; they are stupid children; they have no understanding. They are skilled in doing evil but do not know how to do good.” ²³ I looked on the earth, and it was complete chaos, and to the heavens, and they had no light. ²⁴ I looked on the mountains, and they were quaking, and all the hills moved to and fro. ²⁵ I looked, and there was no one at all, and all the birds of the air had fled. ²⁶ I looked, and the fruitful land was a desert, and all its cities were laid in ruins before the Lord, before his fierce anger. ²⁷ For thus says the Lord: The whole land shall be a desolation, yet I will not make a full end. ²⁸ Because of this the earth shall mourn and the heavens above grow black, for I have spoken; I have purposed; I have not relented, nor will I turn back.

September 21, 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



September 21, 2025
8:00 & 11:00 a.m. Service

GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

Prelude: "All Creatures Of Our God and King" arr. Choplin

Greeting & Announcements

*Call to Worship:

Leader: In the Lord, we take refuge from our fears and troubles.
People: *Help us, O Lord.*
Leader: We feel besieged everywhere and we don't think anyone cares.
People: *Listen to us, Lord, and deliver us.*
Leader: The Lord is our hope and our trust.
People: *The Lord will heal and guide us. We do not need to fear. Amen.*

GIVE PRAISE TO GOD

*Opening Hymn Medley: "Majesty".....#176 UMH
"He Is Lord".....#177 UMH

Opening Prayer: *Gracious God, we come to you today, seeking your guidance and strength. Help us to understand that it is your love that will support and sustain us in good times and bad. Give us the courage to place our trust in your abiding presence. We ask this 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.*

SEPTEMBER 21—SEPTEMBER 28

Sunday 8:00 a.m. Traditional Worship Live - Sanctuary
9:15 a.m. Contemporary Worship -Come Alive Time - Sanctuary
9:30 a.m. Sunday School - Various Rooms
11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship Live - Sanctuary
6:30 p.m. Fuel - PMH

Monday *Joyce Mentzer's Sabbath*

Tuesday 10:30 a.m. Galatians Bible Study - PMH
6:00 p.m. "J" Crew - Music Room
6:30 p.m. Church Council Meeting - PMH
7:00 p.m. YM² - Music Room

Wednesday 6:00 p.m. King's Kids - Music Room
7:00 p.m. First Towne Ringers - Music Room
7:00 p.m. Men's Ministry Group - Barry Eaton's Home

Thursday 1:00 p.m. Kay Poole Bible Study - PMH
6:00 p.m. Miracle Singers - BFH
7:15 p.m. Chancel Choir - Music Room

Friday *Pastor Jim's Sabbath*
Ray Davis's Sabbath
Lewes History Book Festival

Saturday *Lewes History Book Festival*

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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
9/21/2025

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

Rehabilitation: David Hurlock, Bobby Lane, Paul Webb

Hospital: Susan French, **Jack Henriksen**, **Kelly Jones**, Dottie Mckain, Joe Seay

Hospice: Gary Arrell, Barry Attix, Rosemary Bouvier, Harlow Carson, Jim Kardas, Brenda Keith, Sharon Messinger, Mrs. Sample

General Concerns: **Bruce Antonio**, Carolyn Arrell, Felena Bartlett, Marilyn Battiste, Paula Carridan, Tracy Carson, **Clawson Family**, Kathy Counts, Scott Dailey, Bob Dathe, Pat Emmett, Sean Eviston, Jessi Ferree, **Giovanna** (Sister of Mauro De Mederios), Jessica, Kelsea, Kelly Lahorcek, Whitney Murray, Kelly Pinsky, Will Powell, Naomi Rickards, Janice Skok, Linda Sydell & Family, Jayne Tamborello, Theresa Walls, Joan Webb

Long Term: Ansalvish Family, 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, Nancy Hecker, Lou Henderson, Sharon Henderson, Connor Hipple, Jim Hooban, Kayla Hottinger, Chubby Joseph, Deb Kellenbenz, 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, Patty Marvel, Janet McGinnis, Claranne Meitrott, Stephen Metler, Marsha Miller, Chuck Naspinsky, Curt & Melinda Newsome, Ted Niemczyk, Lori O'Day, Brian O'Dell, Thom Pemberton, George Pepper, Earl Peters, Jodi Potter, Steve Rellihan, Beth Rinker, Carla Robinson, Tom Schaich, Mary Louise Scott, John Schulze, 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, 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: **Liz Carrier**, Bill Nieto, Irving Walls

Recovering From Procedures: Thelma Bradley, Joyce Famelio, Cecelia Offidani, **Logan Shuttleworth**, Rob Skok

Other:

- Assassination of Charlie Kirk.
- Prayers for Frederick County MD Therapeutic Riding as they recover & rebuild from their devastating fire.
- Pray for all those affected by the Minneapolis & Denver School Shootings.
- 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 Lucy Harris, Mother to John Harris, who passed away Sept. 9th.

LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD

(11) Sacrament of Baptism: Calvin Patrick Hughes

(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: *"Day By Day"* arr. Fettke

Presented by Keith Parsell (8) and the Chancel Choir (11)

See page 8 in your bulletin for the history of this "Song From the Storm".

*Doxology:.....#94 UMH

Hymn of Preparation: *"Spirit Song"*.....#347 UMH

Scripture Lesson: Jeremiah 4:11-28

Message "Why?" Pastor Jim Penuel

GO FORTH IN GOD'S NAME

*Closing Hymn: *"Leaning on the Everlasting Arms"*.....#133 UMH

*Benediction

*Postlude: *"Toccata"* by Boellmann

**Those who are able, please stand.*

*The flowers on the altar are given to the Glory of God
in memory of Avice & William Rickards & brother Lou and Marcella & Henry Buckaloo
by Billie & Dick Buckaloo and Avice Rickards*

Hearing assistance devices are located at the sound booth.

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Come Alive Time WORSHIP

September 21, 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: *"Indescribable"*
"God, You're So Good"

Children's Message: *"God is here"*

Joys & Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

Offering: *"Leaning On the Everlasting Arms"*

LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD

Scripture Lesson: Jeremiah 4:11-28

Message: *"Why?"* Pastor Jim Penuel

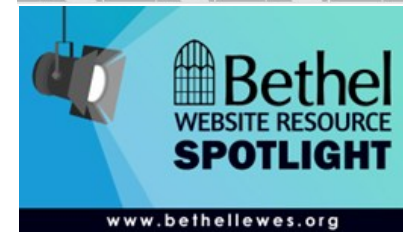
GO FORTH IN GOD'S NAME

*Closing Song: *"Praise You Anywhere"*

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

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Bethel Website Resource Spotlight

Have you visited the church website recently? There are many resources to be found that you might find helpful, and we want to share them with you!

Today's resource spotlight is the Safe Sanctuary Training page. If you are a new Sunday School teacher or children/youth programs volunteer, it will be necessary for you to participate in a brief Safe Sanctuary training. You can do this easily at your convenience by using the church website's Safe Sanctuary Training page. Just click on the Information tab on the church website, and then click Safe Sanctuary Training. There you'll find a brief informative video with downloadable notes, and links to the simple assessment that you'll need to complete. Your results will be sent directly to your program leader and you'll be all set for ministry!

Be sure to check out other great website resources in the weeks to come!



Bethel Golf Outing - Final Event of the Season

Our final golf outing of the season will be Friday, October 18th at the Rookery. We have six tee times reserved (up to 24 players) beginning at 2:00 p.m. at the twilight rate. For this event, we'll be hosting a Flag Tournament for anyone who would like to participate. For those who prefer regular play, we'll still have plenty of spots available. A Flag Tournament (sometimes called a "last man standing" format) works like this: each player gets a set number of strokes based on their handicap and the course par. You play until you've used all your strokes, then place your flag where your final shot lands. The player who makes it the farthest wins. We'll have a few trophies for the winners of the tournament! Please let Ray know at ray@bethellewes.org if you plan to join or if you have any questions. Looking forward to a great final outing together!

Annual Church Conference: This year's annual Church Conference is fast approaching. Please mark your calendar. Church Conference will be held here at Bethel UMC on October 15th at 6:30pm. Church Conference will be presented by a worship style service. All are welcome to attend

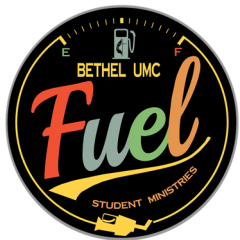
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Love Offering: The September Love Offering will benefit Folds of Honor. The Foundation provides scholarships to the spouses and children of fallen or disabled veterans honoring their sacrifice and supporting their legacy. Also to employed or volunteer first responders.. 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.

Men's Ministry - New Monthly Gathering Launching This Fall!

The Bethel Men's Ministry is growing! We will continue to meet on the second Sunday of each month in the Parsonage Meeting House from 8:00-8:45 AM, as we have been. In addition, we're excited to launch a new monthly gathering starting this fall. Beginning Wednesday, September 24, and continuing on the fourth Wednesday of each month, we'll meet from 7:00-8:30 PM at Barry Eaton's home for a time of fun, fellowship, and spiritual growth. We'll be using video-based studies throughout the year, kicking things off with an Andy Stanley series on the importance of community. All men of Bethel are invited and encouraged to join us. Please contact Barry Eaton at 1785eaton@gmail.com to let him know you're planning to attend or if you have any questions. Let's grow together in faith and friendship!



Sunday Night Fuel (Bethel's Youth Group)

Our Fuel Fall Kick off Party was last week and we had a great time! Fuel will continue to meet each and every Sunday evening from 6:30 -8:00 in the Parsonage meeting House. Fuel is open to any student in the 6 -12th grade, and we always encourage students to invite their friends. For new families, there are several ways to stay connected with all the weekly Fuel events. You can follow us on Facebook under “Fuel Student Ministries”, you can follow us on Instagram @fuelstudentmin and you can join our Remind list to get updates sent directly to your phones or email. For any questions or to join our Remind group please email Ray Davis- ray@bethellewes.org

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	Nancy Smith
	9:15	Kevin White
	11:00	
Ushers:	8:00	Ernie Stanley, Head Usher
		Sandy Hunsicker, & Ron Smith Assistants
	9:15	Libby Gibson, Head Usher
	11:00	Joann Brittingham, Head Usher
		Miguel Gomez & Ralph Scott; Assistants
Liturgists:	8:00	Charlotte Bastian
	9:15	Ray Davis
	11:00	Alison Parsell
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: September 14, 2025: 327 (8:00-59; 9:15-162; 11:00-106)

Contributions for September 14, 2025

weekly deposit	\$ 18,051.21
weekly budget	\$ 16,461.43
YTD collection	\$ 569,225.17
YTD budget	\$ 609,072.91



To enroll, click on the “Giving” tab 0n the Church’s website.



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SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday School Update

Wow! What a great start to our new Sunday School year! We have over 90 students registered for our children and youth ministries of Bethel! 55 students from ages 2 to 12th grade attended Sunday School during our Bounce Back event. We are excited to keep the momentum going each week. Please remember to register your child if you have not done so. You can register them for Sunday School, choirs and youth group all at one time. We are still in need of School teachers for several of our class-rooms, along with substitute teachers. The curriculum is easy to follow, Katie and other team members will guide you along the way, and it is as easy as a once a month commitment. Our needs are as follows:
2 and 3 year old class: 1 time per month
4th-6th grade class: 1-2 times per month
7th-12th grade class: 1-2 times per month
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 on a rotation basis, we are building our Substitute teaching list for the school year. Contact Katie Davis kdavis4786@gmail.com or 302-381-0864



Women’s Ministry: All women are invited to join us in the parsonage meeting house the second Wednesday of each month at 10:30 a.m. We meet September through June and all women are warmly welcome to join us and be a part of this caring, FUN, and active ministry!

The October Love Offering is for Family Promise of Southern Delaware, a nonprofit, located in Lewes. FPSDE has two programs: Prevention and Rapid Rehousing. The Prevention Program works with families at risk for homelessness. By assisting them with back rent and utilities, FPSDE helps them remain housed. The Rapid Rehousing program assists families who are already homeless. The FPSDE Case Manager helps families find affordable housing and then continues to work with them to identify and overcome barriers and to develop skills and resources that will ensure they can maintain long-term stability.

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Tuesday Morning Bible Study: Paul, Galatians, and the Fruit of the Spirit and You: The Bible was not written in a vacuum. The writers of each book were flesh and blood just like us. Each had their own experiences that shaped their view of the world as they journeyed with God. Probably none

of them more complex and provocative than Paul. Come and explore together this crucial letter that Paul sent to the churches in Galacia that he had earlier established. Examine the persuasive arguments he presents through his use of opposing lifestyles and choices. But is this dusty, old letter useful and important to us today? Hint: Many of these same arguments were used by Martin Luther as he ignited the Protestant Reformation. We'll meet in the PMH on Tuesday mornings from 10:00 - 11:30 beginning September 23rd and ending November 4th and will be led by John Hammett. For questions or to let John know that you'd like to attend, please send him an email at hammettjohnj@comcast.net.



The Fall Blood Drive: Hosted by Elizabeth Circle for the Blood Bank of Delmarva which will be held Tuesday, October 14th from 10am to 4pm in the fellowship hall. The donation site is up and running for you to register. A minimum age of 17 years and generally good health are all that is required to donate.

The blood supply continues to be low so we hope all healthy individuals will consider donating this gift of life.
Sign-up at: https://donate.bbd.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/10978
Any questions, please contact Marilyn Mead at marilynwm26@gmail.com

Confirmation Classes: Our first Confirmation class for the 2025/2026 school year will be on Sunday, October 19th from 5:00-6:00. Confirmation is open to all 7th grade or older students who have not yet been confirmed. In The United Methodist Church, Confirmation class is an educational process for young people who have been baptized as infants or children to publicly affirm their Christian faith and accept their baptismal covenant. In class we teach topics like the Bible, how to read Scripture, the meaning of sin and salvation, United Methodist history, and church organization. This class will take place in the Parsonage once a month (typically the 3rd Sunday of the month). Students attending are welcome and encouraged to stay for Fuel (our youth group) at 6:30. Please sign your student up by calling the office and letting Sandy know or by emailing Ray directly at ray@bethellewes.org.

NOTE SHEET

Note Sheet

Why?

Jeremiah 4:11-12, 22-28

9/21/25

1. The foundation of the creation of humanity was built on "_____."
2. Jeremiah, like all the other prophets who came before him, was to speak to the Israelites amid their disobedience and get them to _____.
3. God told him before he even began his ministry that he was destined to _____.
4. God promises, "Yet I will not make a _____."
5. Even when we must suffer because of the consequences of our actions, the actions of others, or even things beyond anyone's control, God promises to be _____.
6. I would also like to contend that sometimes we grow and mature the most in moments of _____.
7. The awful things that we are dealing with in this world right now are not the _____.

Scripture reading for further reflection: Genesis 1-3, Jeremiah 7:16-34

Note: You may access the Digital Sermon Note Page

by scanning the QR Code



CHILDREN'S PAGE



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8:00 & 11:00 Hymn Series - "Songs From the Storm" Some of the most powerful hymns in the Christian tradition were not penned in moments of peace, but in the crucible of suffering. They arose not from ease, but from aching loss, deep trial, and desperate hope. Over the next few weeks, in concurrence with Pastor Jim's Sermon Series, "Praise Him In This Storm?", the Chancel Choir and soloists will present anthems and program notes that will explore the stories behind these "songs from the storm" and the people who wrote them. May their words remind us that even in our darkest moments, God gives us songs to sing. This week's featured hymn is **"Day By Day and With Each Passing Moment,"** written by Carolina Sandell. Sandell, born in 1832, was the daughter of a Lutheran pastor in Sweden and became the country's most beloved hymn writer, writing over 650 hymns in her lifetime. At age 26, while crossing Lake Vättern with her father, a tragic accident occurred: the boat lurched, and she watched helplessly as her father fell overboard and drowned. This heartbreak deeply shaped her faith and inspired a new depth in her songwriting. Though she had written hymns before, this loss opened a floodgate of songs filled with trust in God's care in the midst of doubt, pain, and grief. "Day By Day and With Each Passing Moment" was written shortly after her father's death and remains her most well-known work.

*"Help me then, in every tribulation, so to trust Thy promises, O Lord,
That I lose not faith's sweet consolation offered me within Thy holy Word.
Help me, Lord, when toil and trouble meeting, e'er to take, as from a Father's hand,
One by one, the days, the moments fleeting, till I reach the promised land."*

The Rosebud on the Altar: The Rosebud on the Altar is in honor of Calvin Patrick Hughes, Son of Erik Ronald Hughes & Brittany Ann Hughes. Brother to Nora Lorraine Hughes. Calvin was born May 6, 2025 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.

