October 25, 2026

Bethel
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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.

Celebration of WORSHIP

October 25, 2026
8:00 & 11:00 a.m. Services

GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

Prelude (8): *"Give Thanks Unto God"* - Todd Mentzer, trumpet
(11): *"Fairest Lord Jesus"* - Terri Brown, handbell

Greeting & Announcements

*Call to Worship:

Leader: As the rains pour from heaven, soaking the earth that it may produce good things...
People: ***So God pours God's love upon us, that we, too, may produce goodness and peace.***
Leader: We have been blessed with many gifts and talents.
People: ***God desires that we use these gifts and talents for healing, peace, and hope.***
Leader: Come, let us worship and celebrate the mighty love and power of God.
People: ***Praise be to God who has blessed us in so many ways. Amen.***

GIVE PRAISE TO GOD

"Opening Hymn: *"How Can We Name a Love"*.....#111

Opening Prayer: ***Lord, everywhere we look we see the imprint of your creative love. The wondrous works of nature show your majesty. As we gather today to celebrate your love and creation, keep us mindful that we are part of that created order, meant to be stewards and not destroyers. Prepare us to work for you in ministries of peace and justice. 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 thin is the kingdom, the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD

Joys & Concerns and Pastoral Prayer

God's Tithers and our Offerings
Offertory (8): *"Blessed Assurance"* #369
(11): *"O Magnify the Lord"* by Fettke
*Doxology.....#94

Hymn of Preparation (11): *"Blessed Assurance"*.....#369

Scripture Lesson: Mark 10:35-45

Message: *"Serving Others"* Pastor Jim Penuel

GO FORTH IN GOD'S NAME

*Closing Hymn: *"Go Make of All Disciples"*.....#571

*Benediction & Final Blessing

Leader: As we depart, may the peace of Christ be with you.
People: ***May the peace of Christ be with you.***
(You are invited to pass the peace of Christ with all as you exit.)

The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God.

** Those who are able, please stand.*

Hearing assistance devices are located at the sound booth.

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Come Alive Time WORSHIP

October 25, 2026
9:15 a.m. Service

GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

Gathering *(Please watch the screen for upcoming events)*

Greeting & Opening Prayer

GIVE PRAISE TO GOD

"Opening Song of Praise & Worship: "*Our God Saves*"

Children's Message: *"Giving of Ourselves"*

Joys & Concerns and Pastoral Prayer

Offering: *"We Fall Down"*

LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD

Scripture Lesson: Mark 10:35-45

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GO FORTH IN GOD'S NAME

*Closing Song: *"Reckless Love"*

*Benediction & Final Blessing

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People: May the peace of Christ be with you.
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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

8:00 a.m. - Traditional Sunday Worship in the Sanctuary
9:15 a.m. - *Contemporary Worship in Fellowship Hall
11:00 a.m. - *Traditional Sunday Worship in the Sanctuary

**Livestreamed Services: Watch Online Sundays @ 9:15 or 11:00 or anytime after the services on YouTube*

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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.

BETHEL INFORMATION

Leaders for Today's Service

Greeters:	8:00	Bob & Janet Joynson
	9:15	Libby Gibson
	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	Mary Lou Warren
	9:15	Ray Davis
	11:00	Lisa Emery
A/V Techs:		Ray Davis, Ed Emmett, Drew Fyock, Norm Macturk, Mauro Medeiros, Todd Mentzer, John Roman Nehrbas
Miracle Singers:		Kim Edmonds, Joyce Famelio, Cathy Ferree, John Harris, Patty Marvel, Bill Powell

Weekly Statistics

Attendance for October 18, 2026: 312 (8:00-53, 9:15-165, 11:00-94)

Contributions for October 18, 2026:

Weekly deposit:	$14,496.65
Weekly budget:	$16,915.18
Year-to-date offering:	$770,465.68
Year-to-date budget:	$710,437.56

ONLINE GIVING

If you'd like to enroll in Online Giving, log on to www.bethellewes.org and click the GIVING tab.

NOTE SHEET

Note Sheet

Serving Others

Mark 10:35-45

10/25/26

1. To be a true disciple of Jesus Christ, we are called to _____.
2. **But many who are first will be last, and the last will be _____.**
3. James and John are reacting out of _____ and _____.
4. To become great in the kingdom of God, we must _____.
5. A relationship with Jesus Christ lasts _____.
6. One of the greatest ways to share our faith is to _____.
7. People don't care what you know, until they know that you _____.
8. Jesus came and _____ and then people came to _____.

Scripture reading for further reflection: Mark 10:17-45, Matthew 25:31-46.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Trunk or Treat: Don't forget! This event will be TONIGHT from 4:30-5:30 in the Bethel parking lot. See you there!

Pastor Appreciation Month: October is set aside as a time to show our pastors our thanks and appreciation for all they do. If wish to make a financial gift to either pastor, you may give in cash or check (please make it out directly to the designated pastor) or make your gift via online or text-giving (will be treated as income rather than simply a gift). You may also mail your cards to the church office or email the pastors directly. Thank you for praying for our pastors and taking the time to express your appreciation to them for the leadership, care and service they provide to all of us at Bethel.

New Member Class: Anyone who is ready to join the church or is wanting to learn more about Bethel and its ministries is welcome to attend the New Membership Class on October 27th from 6 pm to 8:30 pm in the Parsonage Meeting House. Pizza will be provided for dinner. Please RSVP by emailing Pastor Jim at PastorJim@bethellewes.org.

Bake Sale: The Elizabeth Circle is sponsoring a Fall Bake Sale on Sunday, November 1st from 9:00 am to 12:30 pm. If you are looking for a pie or dessert to serve at a holiday gathering, look no further! We'll have a wonderful selection from which to choose in the Upper Lobby. All proceeds from the sale will benefit Family Promise. Elizabeth Circle cookbooks will also be available for purchase!



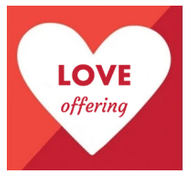


Christmas Curiosity Shop: The Women's Ministry will be holding a priceless Christmas Curiosity Shop on Saturday, Nov. 7 from 9 am to 4 pm. If you have questions, please contact Janine Phillips at 610-905-6674 or via email at Janinesphpath@gmail.com.

Operation Christmas Child Boxes: We'll be collecting your filled, unwrapped boxes on Sunday, Nov. 8th. Please include $10 per box for shipping (cash or check payable to Samaritan's Purse) or make your payment online if you prefer.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Code Purple Information Night will take place on November 10 from 6:30-8:00 at the St. Jude Parish Life Center. Sign up here → if you'd like to attend.



Love Offering: The November Love Offering will benefit the Nanticoke Indian Association (NIA). NIA enhances and promotes the welfare of the Nanticoke Indian Community & raises awareness of American Indian cultures in rural areas. NIA aims to foster understanding, respect, & preservation of the Nanticoke Indian Tribe. 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.

Breakfast Bites: Breakfast Bites is looking for volunteers to help with set-up and clean-up on Sunday Mornings at the 9:15am service. If you are interested in helping with this ministry please contact Pat Emmett at 215-776-5471 or by email at pemmett47@verizon.net.

Save the Date for the Parent's Night Out: The Elizabeth Circle is sponsoring a "Parent's Night Out" on December 19, 2026 from 4:00-7:30 pm for children ages 3-11. This event gives parents extra time around the holidays so mark your calendars and watch for information about registration in the coming weeks.

We could also use some adult and teen volunteers. If you are interested in helping, please contact Barbara Weidman at 301-758-3792 or via email at barb-weidman@hotmail.com. Thank you!

Elizabeth Circle Meeting: We will meet on November 3rd at 12:45 PM in Fellowship Hall. We will feature a speaker, Nikki Gonzalez, from Seaford's Redemption City. She will inform us of the shelters and programs that Redemption City provides for those experiencing homelessness. After some social moments, we will begin the meeting at 1:00. 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.

New request = ***Bold, italicized, and underlined***

PRAYER LIST

Rehabilitation: David Hurlock, Dick Plambeck, Paul Webb

Hospital: Rev. Johnathan Baker, John Horne, Trent Prechatka

Hospice: Norah Atkins, Rosemary Bouvier, Donald Dickey, Dorothy Donovan (Sister of Fred Gentry), Paulette Lazarro, Dr. Jim Marvel, Mrs. Sample, Barbara Starkweather, Jim Willhite

General Concerns: Andy Baker, Mike Bakker, Bill, Donna Bowers, Catherine Brittingham, ***Steve Bruno***, Patricia Bull (Sister of Frank), Sharon Cherry, Chris Clark, Brett Conaway, Daniel, ***Susan Davis***, Ruth Doughtery, Kim Edmonds, Tom Fincham (Brother of Nancy Logan), Bridget Fowler, Chandler Fox, Joan Fox, Bill Gaskill, Lisa Gaskill, Fred Gentry, Bill Gibbons, Giovanna, Rev. Sterling Green, Jack Harrison, Jimmy Hastings, Rev. Vaughn Hayden, Hazel, Connie Hearn, Jim Holt, Bob Hunsberger, Ida, Laura (Daughter of Marilyn Emanuel), Harry Marker & Family, Mason, Melody & Michelle, Ginny Mitchell, June Myers, Tammy Myers & Family, James O'Donovan, Brody O'Neill, Evie Orton, Pop Pop D, Margaret Quillen, Matt Shamanek, Steven, David Strow, Danny Summers, Debbie Summers, Helen Walter

Long Term: ***Ezequiel Agoff***, Ansalvish Family, Bryan Attix, Rev. Gloria Attix, 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, Carol Frampton, Michael Gallagher, Peggy Gastner, Gayle Gibbons, Danny Gillespie, Hazel Gillespie, Jude Gray, 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, Nancy Logan, Bill Lyons, Rob MacArthur, ***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 O'Neill, Sallee O'Neill, Peter (Brother of Pauline Powell), Doug Peters, 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: ***Kim Edmonds***, Guinn Paxton, ***Pat Wagner***

Recovering From Procedures: Greg Cobb, Ellie Colon, Libby Gibson, Cathy Gillen, Linda Gruchacz, Kenny Mahan, Joyce Mentzer, Carla Robinson, Dale Stough

Other:
- ***Those affected by the school shooting in Bend, Oregon.***
- Those affected by hurricane Isaias.
- 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, State Troopers & Local Police.
- For racial justice in the United States.

Sympathy to:

CALENDAR

October 25 - November 1

Sunday	8:00 a.m.	Traditional Worship - Sanctuary
	9:15 a.m.	Contemporary Worship "Come Alive Time" - BFH
	9:30 a.m.	Sunday School - Various Rooms
	11:00 a.m.	Traditional Worship - Sanctuary
	4:30 p.m.	Trunk or Treat - Market Street Parking Lot
	6:00 p.m.	Fuel - PMH
Monday		***Joyce Mentzer's Sabbath***
	6:30 p.m.	The Book of Esther Bible Study - PMH
Tuesday	9:30 a.m.	Sue Sprague Bible Study - PMH
	7:00 p.m.	Youth Music Ministry rehearsal - Music Room
Wednesday	6:30 p.m.	New Member Orientation - PMH
Thursday	10:00 a.m.	Book of Acts Bible Study - PMH
	6:00 p.m.	Miracle Singers rehearsal - BFH
	7:15 p.m.	Chancel Choir rehearsal - Music Room
Friday		***Pastor Jim's Sabbath***
		Ray Davis's Sabbath
Sunday	8:00 a.m.	Traditional Worship - Sanctuary
	9:15 a.m.	Contemporary Worship "Come Alive Time" - BFH
	9:30 a.m.	Sunday School - Various Rooms
	11:00 a.m.	Traditional Worship - Sanctuary
	6:30 p.m.	Fuel - PMH

BFH = Bethel Fellowship Hall

PMH = Parsonage Meeting House

Mark 10:35-45 NRSVUE

35 James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came forward to him and said to him,
“Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you.” 36 And he said to
them, “What is it you want me to do for you?” 37 And they said to him,
“Appoint us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory.”
38 But Jesus said to them, “You do not know what you are asking. Are you able
to drink the cup that I drink or be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized
with?” 39 They replied, “We are able.” Then Jesus said to them, “The cup that
I drink you will drink, and with the baptism with which I am baptized you will
be baptized, 40 but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to appoint,
but it is for those for whom it has been prepared.”

41 When the ten heard this, they began to be angry with James and John. 42 So
Jesus called them and said to them, “You know that among the gentiles those
whom they recognize as their rulers lord it over them, and their great ones are
tyrants over them. 43 But it is not so among you; instead, whoever wishes to
become great among you must be your servant, 44 and whoever wishes to be
first among you must be slave of all. 45 For the Son of Man came not to be
served but to serve and to give his life a ransom for many.”

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

