



Bethel United Methodist Church
Lewes, Delaware

9:00 a.m. In Person 11:00 a.m. YouTube Streaming October 18, 2020

Greeting and Announcements

Call to Worship

Leader: Trust in the Lord and do good.

People: May the Lord give strength to the people!

Leader: O taste and see that the Lord is good!

People: God is our refuge and strength.

Opening Song of Praise and Worship: "How Can I Keep From Singing?"

Opening Prayer:

O God, in mystery and silence you are present in our lives, bringing new life out of destruction, hope out of despair, growth out of difficulty. We thank you that you do not leave us alone but labor to make us whole. Help us to perceive your unseen hand in the unfolding of our lives, and to attend to the gentle guidance of your Spirit, that we may know the joy you give your people. Amen.

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

Children's Message:

"God Makes Us Brave!"

Pastor Jim Penuel

Musical Offering:

"Fear Is A Liar"

Joys & Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

Scripture Lesson:

Joshua 1:1-9 (New Revised Standard Version)

After the death of Moses, the servant of the LORD, the LORD spoke to Joshua son of Nun, Moses' assistant, saying, ² "My servant Moses is dead. Now proceed to cross the Jordan, you and all this people, into the land that I am giving to them, to the Israelites. ³ Every place that the sole of your foot will tread upon I have given to you, as I promised to Moses. ⁴ From the wilderness and the Lebanon as far as the great river, the river Euphrates, all the land of the Hittites, to the Great Sea in the west shall be your territory. ⁵ No one shall be able to stand against you all the days of your life. As I was with Moses, so I will be with you; I will not fail you or forsake you. ⁶ Be strong and courageous; for you shall put this people in possession of the land that I swore to their ancestors to give them. ⁷ Only be strong and very courageous, being careful to act in accordance with all the law that my servant Moses commanded you; do not turn from it to the right hand or to the left, so that you may be successful wherever you go. ⁸ This book of the law shall not depart out of your mouth; you shall meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to act in accordance with all that is written in it. For then you shall make your way prosperous, and then you shall be successful. ⁹ I hereby command you: Be strong and courageous; do not be frightened or dismayed, for the LORD your God is with you wherever you go."

This is the Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God

Message:

"Courage in Times of Adversity"

Pastor Jim Penuel

Prayer for the Offering

Closing Hymn:

"Trust and Obey"

Benediction:

Pastor Jim Penuel

Postlude

Those participating in today's services are: Nancy Cirelli, vocalist; Paul Faircloth, guitar; Josh Hoffpauir, drums; Jim Penuel, bass; Joyce Mentzer, keyboard; Bob Ackerman, camera (11:00)

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Announcements:

COME JOIN US for a COMBINATION SERVICE
Held in the Fellowship Hall
SUNDAY's at 9am
"Mixture of Traditional & Contemporary Worship"

October is Pastor Appreciation Month

During October we at Bethel UMC and at many other churches have traditionally set aside a time to show our appreciation to our pastors. This is an opportunity to extend our thanks and appreciation to Pastor Jim Penuel and Pastor Charlie Wagner. This is the perfect time to commit to praying for and encouraging our pastors. It is also an excellent time to demonstrate your love and appreciation by sharing with them a special note, card, email, or other acknowledgment.

In spite of the unusual times we are in and knowing that this situation is also very stressful on our pastors, we need to take time to show our appreciation.

You may drop your cards or notes in the box in the church narthex outside the Fellowship Hall if you are attending the 9:00 service or if not attending, you may mail items to the church at 129 W. Fourth Street; Lewes, DE 19958 or drop them in the slot of the Parsonage Meeting House door. If you prefer email, their addresses are:

Pastor Jim: pastorjim@bethellewes.org

Pastor Charlie: cwagner@bethellewes.org

Please take time to express your appreciation to our pastors for the leadership and service they provide to all of us at Bethel.

"But we appeal to you, brothers and sisters, to respect those who labor among you, and have charge of you in the Lord and admonish you; esteem them very highly in love because of their work." 1 Thessalonians 5:12-13

Bethel Staff Pastor Parish Relations Committee

Special Offering

As you are aware, when the pandemic arrived in March, BUMC started livestreaming a combined service in the Sanctuary at 11am through the church You-tube livestream. This enabled, all who watched, a connection to their church and a way to worship our Lord safely in our homes away from the virus. This also allowed us to reach those who were already homebound.

On August 2, the live in-person combined services at 9am began. We have been averaging 50-70 people for the services except for the retirement service with Pastor Earle and confirmation when we filled the FH to the maximum of 130 people.

The time has now come to take the next step of providing more worship opportunities for those who care for either a contemporary or traditional service and not a combined service. This would entail livestreaming both the 9am & 11am services to offer those at home the chance to watch one or the other or both services from the comfort and safety of their own home.

As the pandemic continues to slow down (hopefully), the next step would be to start a live in-person 11am service. For this we need another camera in the Sanctuary to livestream and have an in-person service at the same time. The way it is now, equipment is in the middle of the aisle where people can trip over it or knock it down.

In order to do this, we need more equipment in the sanctuary and FH. We can piece meal this and do the Sanctuary first then the FH. OR we can save a couple hundred dollars and have it all done at one time.

The work will be done by Mid-South Audio who has done all the other work at Bethel. They are the most reliable, trustworthy, and knowledgeable audio company around. The final cost for this project is \$16,000.

We do not know how long the COVID-19 will cause our lives to continue to take a new direction, but we do know that we are in for the ride for another year or so.

The Board of Trustees will gratefully accept any donations to add to some monies already set aside for this project and to assist us in completing this project sooner than later. God Bless you all as you consider assisting in any way, big or small.

Alison Parsell
Board of Trustees

Socks and Underwear Needed for the Local Homeless Population! From now to November 1st, the Elizabeth Circle will collect all sizes of socks and underwear for both children and adults. They will be delivered to the Lighthouse for Broken Wings, which is sheltering our area's homeless individuals and families this year, instead of Immanuel Shelter. Designated bins will be located in Fellowship Hall, and at the Parsonage Meeting House on both front and back porches. For questions, contact any Elizabeth Circle member, leave a message at 302-645-2342, or email djmarrin@yahoo.com.

Operation Christmas Child: Thank you so much for your generous support of Operation Christmas Child. 60 boxes were taken this past week. If you did not get a box, the supply has been replenished in the lobby and on the porch of the parsonage meeting house. Please include your \$9 shipping cost.

Confirmation Class for the 2020/2021 school will begin today from 5:00-6:00. We will begin on Zoom for now and will transition to in-person class as the church opens for meetings. Confirmation class will be one Sunday a month from October-May and students will be confirmed at the 9:00 church service on Sunday, May 23rd. Confirmation class is open to 7th graders and so above who have not yet been confirmed. Please email Ray at ray@bethellewes.org to sign your student up.

The Board of Trustees would like to thank Ray & Heidi Quillen and family for their most generous donation on September 23, 2020, of a beautiful, handmade lectern for the Fellowship Hall. Donated in memory of Ray's parents, John & Helen Quillen. It's a beautiful addition to the Fellowship Hall!

Cookie Walk Time! Not

The Mary Martha Circle is sad to announce we will not be hosting an in-person Cookie Walk this year due to COVID restrictions; however, with winter coming, we remain genuinely concerned with the plight of homeless families in our area. Last year, there was a need to shelter over 80 people, including children, in motel rooms. This year, potentially more people will be in dire need of shelter. One motel room for one week costs \$300!

The Circle would like to raise funds to provide shelter for local homeless families...families that without a helping hand might be forced to live in their cars. Or worse. Our hope is that you will support this effort by participating in the Mary Martha ...

2020 NO BAKE COOKIE WALK

The obvious upside of a "No-Bake Cookie Walk" is that no calories will be consumed! 😊
Here's how you can participate:

- If you helped by baking for the Cookie Walk in the past, would you consider donating the amount you would have spent on ingredients? Or more?
- If you helped by buying cookies, would you please consider donating the amount you would have spent? Or more?

The No Bake Cookie Walk will run from November 15 – December 15



Donations can be submitted in the usual ways, just be sure that your gift is somehow designated "Cookie Walk". If you donate via the church website Online Giving Portal, simply choose "Mary Martha Circle" Otherwise, donations can be sent by mail to the church office, dropped through the mail slot in the front door of the parsonage, placed in the offering plate on Sundays, through e-giving, through text giving.

Thank you for your consideration of this project to help "the least, the last and the lost"

*Blessings to you and your families,
The Mary Martha Circle*



Are You in Need of Prayer? We know that prayer is an integral part of our faith journey, especially in these troubled times. So we are offering several ways in which you can share your prayer concerns with us:

- One-on-one prayer will be provided by Pastor Jim after the 9:00 a.m.in-person service. Simply remain in your seat at the close of the 9:00 a.m. service and after Pastor Jim greets everyone leaving he will come back in and pray for those who want one-on-one prayer.
- Virtual One-on-one Prayer will be offered immediately after the 11:00 livestreamed service via ZOOM. The ZOOM login information can be found on our website (bethellewes.org) by clicking on the Prayer tab at the top of the screen. Then click on the Virtual Prayer Zoom Link (at around 12:00) and wait in the 'virtual waiting room' and Pastor Jim will pray with each person individually.
- You can also share your prayer request or joy by clicking on the Prayer tab on our website and then clicking the Online Prayer Request link. The form will give you the option of sharing your concern with the congregation or keeping it private, shared only with our ministerial staff.

Upper Room's for September/October have arrived. To have a copy mailed to you, please contact Sandy Stough in the church office, and indicate whether you want regular print or LARGE PRINT.

Call to Prayer for Racial Justice:

Rev. Marjorie Belmont-Burns, Pastor of Faith & Israel United Methodist Churches invites you to join with them in silent prayer every Monday night-7:00 p.m.-7:09 p.m. now through December 28, 2020. (If you are unable to pray at that hour, please pick another time.)



Financial Support: Thank you for your weekly support. We thank everyone who has provided funds to keep Bethel's ministries going.

There are five 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. Fourth 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 new 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.



Key: Red type indicates a request new this week
Green type indicates an answered prayer
Blue type is Covid-19 related

Hospital: Eluria Downs, Bill Jackson, Rev. Charlie Kind, Lon Solomon, **Bobbie Virden, Theresa Wise**

General Concerns: John, Dee Becker, Kerrey Bradford, Donna Carr, **Dave Condon**, Randy Haith, Mary Lou Jackson, Eden Jenkins, Caddie Joseph, Norman Kugel, Harold Landis, Veronica McKain, Carroll Miller, Jim McCarty, Janet McGinnis, Dave Parks, George Pepper, Joe Seay, Linda Shurkey, Peggy Thomas, Jack Weeks, Tom Whittaker

Up Coming Procedures: **Robert Lenkner**, Patty Jo Mock

Recovering from Procedures: Sandy Bassett, John Caycedo, Edith Cross, Elizabeth Fields, Bill Gaskill, Randy Hoffpauir, **Paulette Lazzaro**, Dottie McKain, Dr. David Robinson, Edie Sipos, Nancy Smith, Dale Stough

Covid-19 Related Requests: Lorraine Layton

All staff and residents of Hospitals, nursing homes and continuing care communities

Other:

- People who are unemployed and under employed, and homeless families.
- For racial justice in the United States.
- For principled and just law enforcement personnel

Sympathy to:

- **Connie Fisher, family and friends on the passing of Bill Fisher on Wednesday, October 14th.**
- **Hilda Williams, family and friends on the passing of Cary Williams on Friday, October 9th.**
- Rev. Fred Duncan on the loss of his Mother, Betty Duncan on Monday, September 28th.
- Bill Harper on the passing of his wife, Carolyn Harper, on Sunday, September 13th.
- All the people who have died locally, nationally, and globally **to Covid-19**

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For a complete list of Bethel's Staff, visit our website: www.bethellewes.org.
Click on 'About' then click on 'Staff'

We need your Feedback

- ✚ If you know of someone who is not able to receive the Bethel Newsletter by email, and is not on the newsletter mailing list please contact Sandy Stough at office@bethellewes.org so they can be added.
- ✚ If you would like to have a DVD of Sunday services, email Jane at jane@bethellewes.org so we can get one to you.