



Bethel United Methodist Church  
Lewes, Delaware  
October 25, 2020

9:00 a.m. In Person

9:00 & 11:00 a.m. YouTube Streaming

**Greeting and Announcements**

**Prelude:** *"Tell Me the Stories of Jesus"* by Mentzer  
Presented by the First Towne Ringers

**Call to Worship**

*Leader: Sing praises to God, O you saints, and give thanks to God's holy name!*

**People: We exalt you, O God, for you have restored us to life!**

*Leader: We may cry through the night, but your joy comes in the morning.*

**People: You hear us, O God, and you are gracious in our distress.**

*Leader: You turn our mourning into dancing!*

**People: Our souls cannot be silent! O God, our Savior, we give thanks to you forever!**

**Opening Song of Praise and Worship:** *"All Creatures of Our God and King"*

**Opening Prayer:**

**Our heavenly Father, we your humble children invoke your blessing on us. We adore you, whose name is love, whose nature is compassion, whose presence is joy, whose Word is truth, whose Spirit is goodness, whose holiness is beauty, whose will is peace, whose service is perfect freedom, and in knowledge of whom stands our eternal life. Unto you be all honor and all glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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:** *"Hang in There!"*

**Musical Offering:**                    *“Celebrate With Gladness”* by Geschke  
  presented by First Towne Ringers

**Joys & Concerns**

**Pastoral Prayer**

**Scripture Lesson:**                    *John 16:25-33 (NRSV)*

<sup>25</sup> “I have said these things to you in figures of speech. The hour is coming when I will no longer speak to you in figures but will tell you plainly of the Father. <sup>26</sup> On that day you will ask in my name. I do not say to you that I will ask the Father on your behalf; <sup>27</sup> for the Father himself loves you, because you have loved me and have believed that I came from God. <sup>28</sup> I came from the Father and have come into the world; again, I am leaving the world and am going to the Father.”

<sup>29</sup> His disciples said, “Yes, now you are speaking plainly, not in any figure of speech! <sup>30</sup> Now we know that you know all things, and do not need to have anyone question you; by this we believe that you came from God.” <sup>31</sup> Jesus answered them, “Do you now believe? <sup>32</sup> The hour is coming, indeed it has come, when you will be scattered, each one to his home, and you will leave me alone. Yet I am not alone because the Father is with me. <sup>33</sup> I have said this to you, so that in me you may have peace. In the world you face persecution. But take courage; I have conquered the world!”

*1<sup>st</sup> Thessalonians 5:16-18 (New Revised Standard Version)*

<sup>16</sup> Rejoice always, <sup>17</sup> pray without ceasing, <sup>18</sup> give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.

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

**Thanks be to God**

**Message:**                                *“Grace to Keep on Going”*

**Prayer for the Offering**

**Closing Hymn:**                        *“Trading My Sorrows”*

**Benediction:**

**Postlude**

Those participating in today's services are: Joyce Snyder, vocalist; Jim Penuel, guitar; Josh Hoffpauir, drums (9:00); Joyce Mentzer, keyboard; Katie Davis, camera (11:00)

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](mailto:pastorjim@bethellewes.org)

Pastor Charlie: [cwagner@bethellewes.org](mailto: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



Thank You: On behalf of my family and I we are so grateful for the cards, emails, gifts, and words of encouragement we have received for Pastor Appreciation month. Making a Pastoral transition during this season of pandemic is truly difficult. Because of your love, support, and prayers, you have made that transition much smoother for us. We are so blessed to be a part of the Bethel family. We are looking forward to all the ways we will be in

ministry together in the Lewes community and beyond. May God richly bless you all, and we look forward to all that God has in store in the future!

In God's Love,

Pastor Jim, Amber, Lily, and Lydia Penuel

Veterans Day Dedications. To thank and honor those who have served in the military, both in the past and presently serving, you can have them listed in the Veterans Day bulletin. All money collected will go to the Home of the Brave in Milford to help the homeless veterans in this area. There is an online giving form and downloadable form you can use to submit your honorees. When giving online, choose Mary Martha Circle.



Audio Visual Equipment Update: The Trustees are trying to make available several worship services for those who wish to attend in-person and those who wish to watch from the privacy of their home. The purchase of additional audio-visual equipment for both the Sanctuary and Fellowship Hall has been approved. This will allow:

- in-person & live-stream services at the same time in the Sanctuary with traditional music
- in-person & live-stream services at the same time in the Fellowship Hall with contemporary music.
- The original quote was for under \$16,000. As the quote was reviewed, one part was updated, which saved us \$4,500. The great news is that the project will now only cost \$11,348.64.
- Many thanks to those who have so generously donated to allow this project to be fulfilled.

Holy Communion: Come join us Sunday, November 1, 2020 for Holy Communion at 9am in the Fellowship Hall Church service or be prepared to join in at home during the 11 virtual service.

All Saints Sunday: On Sunday, November 1st, we will observe "All Saints Sunday." We will remember those in our church family who have gone on to be with the Lord this year. A bell will be tolled in their memory, and a candle lit that the family of the loved one can take home with them. We hope that you will join us either in-person at 9:00 a.m., or during our 11:00 a.m. YouTube live stream service. Join us as we give honor to the legacy of those Saints who have been an integral part of our faith journey.

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](mailto: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.

Women's Ministry will meet Wednesday, November 11<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 a.m. via ZOOM. Please contact Amy Chason [amy\\_chason@comcast.net](mailto:amy_chason@comcast.net) to receive a ZOOM invitation. All women of the church are invited. Thank you.

### **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](http://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: 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](http://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, **Kevin Short**, Lon Solomon, Bobbie Virden

**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, **John Thompson**, Jack Weeks, Tom Whittaker

**Up Coming Procedures:** **Susan Kremer**, Robert Lenkner, **Mike Reese**, Patty Jo Mock

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

**Covid-19 Related Requests:** **Liz and Dan Carrier, Rachel, John, and James Kurtz, 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:**

- **The family and friends of Lou Schulze who passed away from complications from a stroke.**
- Connie Fisher, family and friends on the passing of Bill Fisher on Wednesday, October 14<sup>th</sup>.
- Hilda Williams, family and friends on the passing of Cary Williams on Friday, October 9<sup>th</sup>.
- 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](http://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](mailto: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](mailto:jane@bethellewes.org) so we can get one to you.