

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:

"Living Together"

Pastor Jim Penuel

Musical Offering:

"Make Us One"

Joys & Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

Scripture Lesson:

John 17:14-26 (New Revised Standard Version)

¹⁴ I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. ¹⁵ I am not asking you to take them out of the world, but I ask you to protect them from the evil one. ¹⁶ They do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. ¹⁷ Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. ¹⁸ As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. ¹⁹ And for their sakes I sanctify myself, so that they also may be sanctified in truth.

²⁰ "I ask not only on behalf of these, but also on behalf of those who will believe in me through their word, ²¹ that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us,¹ so that the world may believe that you have sent me. ²² The glory that you have given me I have given them, so that they may be one, as we are one, ²³ I in them and you in me, that they may become completely one, so that the world may know that you have sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me. ²⁴ Father, I desire that those also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory, which you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world.

²⁵ "Righteous Father, the world does not know you, but I know you; and these know that you have sent me. ²⁶ I made your name known to them, and I will make it known, so that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them."

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

Thanks be to God

Message:

"That We May Be One?"

Pastor Jim Penuel

Prayer for the Offering

Closing Hymn:

"They'll Know We Are Christians By Our Love"

Benediction:

Pastor Jim Penuel

Postlude

Those participating in today's services:

Jake Hoffpauir, drums; Josh Hoffpauir, bass; Paul Faircloth, guitar; Joyce Mentzer, piano; Logan Shuttleworth, vocalist; Bob Ackerman, camera 11:00 a.m.

Announcements:

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

Dear Bethel Family,

4-LETTER WORDS

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Guess What??

NO RSVP for one week!!!

**Bear with us as we continually update details & try
to improve the attendance to IN-PERSON worship services.
However, CONTACT INFORMATION will still be necessary!**

Blessings,

Alison Parsell

Board of Trustees

While we plan to always provide online worship experiences for those who are unable to attend in person, we are also moving forward with hopes to provide more in-person worship opportunities for the Bethel family. Your feedback will be an important part of the plan!

Please complete this anonymous survey (one per household) so we can better serve our church family and our community:

Survey Link: : <https://www.emailmeform.com/builder/form/61kez6Jrba7Lb9Rwlb76fI8GC>

Pastor Jim's Bible Study: 2020 has been a year filled with adversity. Between political and racial tensions, the pandemic, natural disasters, and more, it has truly been a difficult year. During this 6-week study we will wrestle with the following questions: "Why do we have to face adversity? Does God cause adversity? How do we overcome it? How can we learn and grow from adversity?" We will use the book "Advancing Through Adversity" by Charles Stanley. My next sermon series will also be based upon this book so that we can take a deep dive into this subject together.

I hope that you will join us. For your convenience, I will be offering both morning and evening sessions. The first week meetings will be on Thursday.

SESSIONS SCHEDULE:

Thursday Day | October 1 • 1 pm – 2:30 pm

OR

Thursday Evening | October 1 • 6:30 pm – 8 pm

Every meeting after that for the next 5 weeks will be on Wednesdays

Wednesday Days • from 10 am – 11:30 am

OR

Wednesday Evenings • from 6:30 pm – 8 pm

Wednesday | November 4 • will be the last session

Sorry for the first session being on Thursday, this just fits my schedule for the first week.

Please RSVP by sending an email to pastorjim@bethellewes.org or call the church office at 302.645.9426. I will reply to your email with a zoom link that you will use each session.

You will need your Bible, and if you would like to purchase the book you can visit Christianbook.com web site or wherever you purchase your books.

The book is available both as a hard copy and an e-book. If you don't use Zoom, you can also dial a phone number that's listed in the invitation and you can listen in via your phone audio and participate that way as well.

I look forward to the opportunity to study God's word, spend time in prayer, and have some "Virtual fellowship" with all of you! I hope you will join me!

**Blessings,
Pastor Jim**

Pastor Jim's Sermon Series: Adversity: How Do We Overcome it? Based on Charles Stanley's Book and Study: "Advancing Through Adversity".

Description: Most of 2020 has been filled with adversity for just about everyone. Between the struggles with issues of race, the pandemic, hurricanes, wildfires, and more, it's hard to make sense of it all. Why does God allow Adversity? What does Adversity teach us? Is adversity always a bad thing? How does Adversity make us grow? We will explore these questions and more in this 5 week series. This series will also dovetail with a pastor-led study.

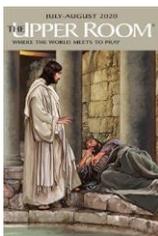
Prayer will be provided by Pastor Jim after both the 9:00 a.m.in-person service and via ZOOM after the 11:00 a.m. service. People will remain in the seats at the 9:00 a.m. service and after Pastor Jim greets everyone leaving he will go back in and pray for those who want prayer. The login information for ZOOM after the You Tube live feed can be found on our website and will be in our email blast.



Live Streaming: We want you to know that we've changed our YouTube name to make it easier for you to find us, our live streams and our weekly Pajama Sunday School and children's videos. Our YouTube name is *Bethel Lewes*. Just head to YouTube on any device or Smart TV and enter "Bethel Lewes" in the YouTube search bar and there we are!! Click on the

lighthouse to see all our videos or past services.

Bethel will continue to Live Stream & record a service each Sunday at 11:00 a.m. you can view through our website, www.bethellewes.org. At the top of the page click on 'Virtual Bethel.' For the live service, click on Virtual Worship.



Upper Room's for September 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.



Prayer Link: Need prayer? You can now get prayer requests to the pastoral staff, or if you choose, add a prayer request to our Prayer List. Just go to our Website www.bethellewes.org Across the top of the home page, click on 'Prayer Request' a screen will open for you to enter your prayer request, and whether it is private, or can be shared with our prayer ministry.

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

Joys: .Sean Murray will be marrying Whitney Mott-Lynn Saturday Sept. 26th in Hollybrook PA. They will be honeymooning in Mexico the following week. Please pray for them to have a wonderful marriage and a safe trip. Sean is the son of Burt and Connie Murray.

Congratulations: Jordan and Dani Blankenship on their wedding yesterday, September 19th. Dani is the daughter of Regina LeGates and Jordan is the grandson of Herschel and Bev Porter.

Hospital: Eluria Downs, Rev. Charlie Kind, Harold Landis, Mary Louise Scott, Lon Solomon

General Concerns: John, Dee Becker, Kerrey Bradford, Donna Carr, Randy Haith, Eden Jenkins, Caddie Joseph, Norman Kugel, Veronica McKain, Carroll Miller, Jim McCarty, Dave Parks, George Pepper, Linda Shurkey, Peggy Thomas, Jack Weeks, Tom Whittaker

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

Covid-19 Related Requests: [Lorraine Layton, Joe Seay](#)
[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:

- Bill Harper on the passing of his wife, Carolyn Harper, on Sunday, September 13th.
- Jera Lammy on the loss of her father in a car accident in Florida.
- Betty Anderson on the passing of her husband, Donald Anderson on Thursday, September 10th.
- The family and friends of Verna Byre who was called home.
- All the people who have died locally, nationally, and globally to Covid-19

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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.