



## Bethel United Methodist Church

11:00 a.m. May 17, 2020

### Greeting and Announcements

#### Call to Worship:

We belong to Christ:

- our past belongs to Christ;
- our sins belong to Christ.
- We belong to Christ:
- our right-now belongs to Christ;
- our moment of forgiveness belongs to Christ.

We belong to Christ:

- our future belongs to Christ;
- our holy future, free of guilt and shame, belongs to Christ.

And we have come to worship Him.

- we belong to Christ.

**Opening Hymn:** *“Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”* by Henry Van Dyke & Ludwig van Beethoven  
Solo: Joyce Mentzer

**Opening Prayer:** From: Right Rev. Richard Bott, United Church of Canada (Alt)

*O God, we trust in Your power,*

*even as it is often found in weakness;*

*We trust in Your wisdom,*

*even as it is expressed in seeming foolishness;*

*We trust in Your wholeness,*

*even as it comes to us amid brokenness.*

*We come simply to worship You.*

*Lord, or all our days.*



*<sup>16</sup> Do you not know that you are God's temple and that God's Spirit dwells in you? <sup>17</sup> If anyone destroys God's temple, God will destroy that person. For God's temple is holy, and you are that temple. <sup>18</sup> Do not deceive yourselves. If you think that you are wise in this age, you should become fools so that you may become wise. <sup>19</sup> For the wisdom of this world is foolishness with God.*

*<sup>21</sup> So let no one boast about human leaders. For all things are yours, <sup>22</sup> whether Paul or Apollos or Cephas or the world or life or death or the present or the future—all belong to you, <sup>23</sup> and you belong to Christ, and Christ belongs to God."*

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

### **Thanks be to God.**

**Message:** "Some Thoughts on God's Garden" Pastor Baker

**Closing Hymn:** "Benediction" by Curtin Stephan  
Solo: Joyce Mentzer

**Postlude** Joyce Mentzer

Participating in today's service: Nick Mentzer, Camera; Todd Mentzer, Sound & Streaming



**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 new 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 and don't forget to hit subscribe.

Bethel also will continue to Live Stream a service each Sunday at 11:00 a.m. and record the service for those who want to view it later through our website, [www.bethellewes.org](http://www.bethellewes.org). At the top of the page click on 'Virtual Bethel.' For the live service, click on Virtual Worship.



**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](http://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.



**Payroll Protection Program** We are pleased to announce that Bethel has been approved to receive a forgivable payroll loan through the Payroll Protection Program, part of the CARES-Act. Through the hard work of Bethel's leadership team, and particularly our treasurer, Cindi Clavette, and Finance Chair, Ed Emmett, all the paperwork was submitted in time to qualify. We applied for \$71,500 which is 2 ½ months of payroll.



**Covid-19 Relief Fund:** Bethel has funds available if you are having difficulty paying essential bills because of loss of income or employment during the Covid-19 pandemic. Your identity and personal information will be kept confidential. Depending on the size of the need, assistance may be limited.

**If you are currently facing a financial hardship, or see one coming in June please, contact Pastor Baker at [pastorbaker@bethellewes.org](mailto:pastorbaker@bethellewes.org).** Assistance is available.

Currently we do not need additional donations. Thank you!



**Signs of Hope** are springing up around Bethel Church. Everyday hundreds of Beebe employees and first responders drive past Bethel's Church and Parsonage Meeting House.

Last Saturday this flock of pink flamingos showed up in Bethel's Fourth & Chestnut St. parking lot, (which Beebe employees use during the week.) The flamingos are wearing signs of hope for ambulance staff, maintenance, nutritionists, doctors, food service, OT/PT, laundry, phlebotomists, nurses and more. A few birds are also wearing masks!

More signs can be added. Feel free to encourage the many first responders who pass by Bethel as well. Once your sign is complete, you are free to plant it in front of the Church or Parsonage Meeting House. Thank you.



**Note of Thanks**

*"Jim and I would like to express our thanks to the congregation at Bethel for all of the cards, prayers, and expressions of sympathy that we have received on the passing of his mother, Marianne. It is so kind and touching to be remembered at a time when everyone's world is turned upside down."* Blessings, Peggy Gastner



**Change of Dates:** The Staff Pastor Parish Relations Committee is organizing a retirement party for Pastor Earle. Previously a date in June had been selected, but it seems unlikely that large gatherings will be appropriate then. So, please clear your calendars for this new date 5:00 p.m. on Saturday, August 29<sup>th</sup> to join the Bethel Church Family and others as we come to say goodbye and celebrate Pastor Earle's 40-year career of service to God and The United Methodist

Church. Please look forward to more information in future announcements as we approach Pastor Earle's retirement.

**Cancellation:** We regret to inform you that this year's Antiques Show and Sale has been cancelled. With uncertainty about the corona virus, and the possibility of safety restrictions, the decision has been made to not have a show this year, but to come back strong in 2021



High School and College Graduates: Bethel would like to honor this year's graduates by including a slide show of the members of the Class of 2020 as part of worship on Sunday, June 7<sup>th</sup>. We need parents and grandparents to supply us with a picture. A Senior picture would be nice. We will incorporate that into our worship on an upcoming Sunday. Parents of Bethel youth will be contacted by email for additional information about your graduate(s).



Thank You for Your Financial Support

Thank you for your weekly support. We thank everyone who has provided funds to keep Bethel's ministries going. E-giving in April was the highest ever!

**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:** Thank you for strong e-giving in March. If you would like to begin giving electronically, 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. To receive a tax deduction, the donation must move directly from your financial institution to Bethel, without going through your Bank. Please speak to your financial advisor to learn more about this option.

Community Needs in the Cape Region:

- Donate Blood: Blood supplies are critically low. Make an appointment to donate in either Salisbury or Dover. Call 888-824-6638 or go to [www.delmarvablood.org/give-blood](http://www.delmarvablood.org/give-blood)
- Make Protective Masks for Beebe Healthcare Workers: Sewists are needed to make protective masks. Contact Pam Smith at [piecefullypam@gmail.com](mailto:piecefullypam@gmail.com) who will show you completed samples, safety guidelines, and online tutorials.



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

- Joys:** Susan Leighton, home after 6 weeks in the hospital
- Hospital:** Baby Nora Shuttleworth, A.I. DuPont; Daryl Bradley, Larry Chambers, Ruth Dougherty, Kayla Miller, Lel Riedel
- Hospice:** Phyllis Brown
- Illness:** Chris Dull, Asher Evans, Randy Hoffpauir, Faye Kintz, Norm Kugel, Wayne Morris

### Covid-19 Related Requests:

- Marge Alia, Brian Brengel, William Hickman, Layla Hickman, Wilz Hickman, Susan Leighton, Lisa Tzaferos
- All staff and residents of Hospitals, nursing homes and continuing care communities

### Sympathy to:

- Faye Kintz, on the death of her last surviving uncle, Sonny Spencer, to Covid19
- Joyce Bundick, death of daughter
- Harris family death of mother; Nancy Harris
- Over **276,000** families worldwide, **79,000** in the United States who have **lost a family member to Covid-19**

### Addresses for Sympathy Cards

- Family of Cindy Gromofsky; 37 Harborview Road, Lewes, DE 19958
- Jim Gastner on the death of his mother; 27172 Buckskin Trail, Harbeson, DE 19951
- Family of Allen Riley, P.O. Box 118, Lewes, DE 19958

### Pastor's Changing Appointments

- Lee Parks to the Milton-Nassau Charge which includes White's Chapel and Zion UMCs beginning July 1.
- Pat Bollinger, to Indian Mission UMC, beginning July 1

### We need your Feedback

- ✚ If you are a Tech Buddy, let us know who you are assisting. Email Jane Lenkner at [jane@bethellewes.org](mailto:jane@bethellewes.org)
- ✚ If you need a DVD of Sunday services, email Jane at [jane@bethellewes.org](mailto:jane@bethellewes.org) so we can get one to you.
- ✚ If you anticipate needing assistance from the Covid Relief Fund, contact [pastorbaker@bethellewes.org](mailto:pastorbaker@bethellewes.org)

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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'

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