



**Bethel United Methodist Church**

# CHURCH NEWS

March 16, 2021



The season of Lent is certainly a time of reflection, a time to consider what Jesus calls us to do every day. Many people give things up for Lent, not a bad choice by all means, but what might Jesus have us give up? I think what comes to my mind first is resentment. When we can step back and look at what

resentment really is, we can see that resentment is self-destructive and counterproductive.

When I think about resentment and characters in the bible, I will usually be drawn to Job. He had every reason to be resentful. He was a man of God who had achieved great wealth, fame, and a loving family; then one day, in the blink of an eye, he lost it all. Enemies killed his livestock and all of his children perished and died in a horrific storm. To make matters worse, he became afflicted with a dreadful disease.

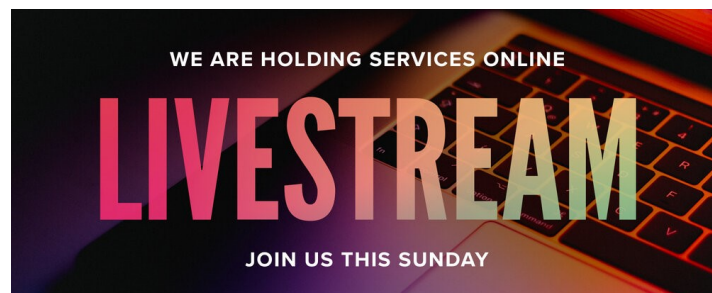
Then a group of his friends came along and said, "Job, it's all your fault." Imagine your friends kicking you when you are down. Maybe you have experienced that yourself. But, in the midst of a lot of bad advice from his friends, one of them shared a word of wisdom. He insisted to Job that growing resentful was a bad idea. He said, "To worry yourself to death with resentment would be a foolish, senseless thing to do" (Job 5:2).

This guy was very wise. He let Job know that resentment would change nothing and, in fact, it would just make things worse.

I think we all have regrets in our life. Maybe we did or said something in the heat of a moment where you were feeling resentment. The problem with resentment is that it always ends up hurting you more than the person you are resenting.

Lent is a wonderful time to let things go, and Jesus truly wants us to be free from resentment. Let go of resentment today and choose to forgive and enjoy living in the freedom it brings.

*Pastor John*



We are pleased to have the capability to live-stream and video our service from our sanctuary. Just click on the link below and it will take you to the new BUMC YouTube channel. We suggest you save this link to your "Favorites" in your web browser so you can easily access it. This link can also be found on the BUMC website.

This link will always take you to the channel where you will find previous live-streamed services, and be able to connect to the current weekly live-stream. Again, the live-stream begins either at 8:30 or at 10:00 am on Sunday mornings. You can always go back and watch any live-streamed service at a later date.

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCok6vCI5EnWaCpjARNbaH2g>



**How To Call In & Hear Messages:  
UPDATED!**

## **How to Listen to Services by Phone**

If you do not have access to a computer, you can call in to listen to the weekly services at 10am on Sundays. Listeners should call either 1-312-626-6799 or 1-929-205-6099 (two numbers available in case one has an issue/is busy/etc.) Simply follow the prompts: when asked, enter the meeting ID 113-104-770# , and the passcode 000000# .

## **USHERS ARE NEEDED!**

Are you being called to serve? Not sure where to start? We are in need of ushers for both 8:30 and 10:00 services. Contact Victor Holomakoff for details or to volunteer.



## Easter Sunday Service Reservations

Due to Covid 19, we are restricted of how many folks we can allow into the sanctuary for Easter Sunday service. Our goal is to have as many members who want to be in the sanctuary be able to join us for Easter. We will be having twos services, 8:30 & 10 am. We will also be live streaming the 10:00 am service.

We are asking that if you plan on attending Easter services, you please make a reservation. We will accommodate as many as we can, however we are trying to not publicly announce to attempt to not have to turn anyone away if we reach capacity.

Below is the link to the online registration form. Once you click on this link, you will be asked for your name, which service you will attend, and how many will be joining. We are asking that you bring no more than 5 individuals with you.

When you arrive on Easter, you will need a reservation to attend, unless we have open spots. Please register as soon as possible as this will be a first come first served basis. Ushers will have a listing of all who have registered to allow entry to a particular service.

Thank you for your cooperation as we try to bring a safe and blessed Easter services to as many as possible.

[https://bethelmethodist.net/easter\\_sunday\\_attendance\\_registration](https://bethelmethodist.net/easter_sunday_attendance_registration)



## Friday, April 2, 7:30 PM

Please join us in person or on our Livestream channel to observe Good Friday. We will offer in person worship with our usual Covid 19 protocols including masks and social distancing.

We will also offer this service Livestreamed on our BUMC YouTube channel as we do weekly. Just click on the link below after 7:30 pm that evening to view. This service will be recorded for viewing at a later date.

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCok6vCI5EnWaCpjARNbaH2g>

## ONLINE GIVING AT BUMC

Vanco, our online giving platform is now available! Vanco can now be accessed for online donation through the church website: simply click on "Donate Now" and the link will take you directly to the BUMC page. Your account can be set up using a credit or debit card, and donations can be made once or set up for recurring donations!

The QR code below gives you easy access to access online giving directly on your phone. As an incentive, 10% of your first donation will be given directly to The Bethel Food Pantry, now through Easter! Our first week raised \$80 for the Food Pantry-keep up the good work BUMC!!!!

To visit the online giving website directly: <https://secure.myvanco.com/YHX4/home>

For questions regarding online giving, please contact Nancy Howland at [nancyjhowland@gmail.com](mailto:nancyjhowland@gmail.com)



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new  
**ONLINE STORE!**



The BUMC online store is now available and is offering a wide variety of merchandise with the BUMC logo either printed or embroidered with all proceeds benefiting The Jerry Shike Youth Missions Fund! The Jerry Shike Fund raises monies to be gifted to our BUMC youth to help offset the cost of mission work and travel.

Check out the online store on our website and support our youth missions!

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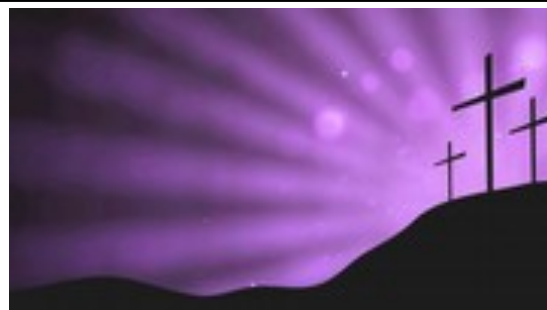
## HOW TO CONTACT

### THE PASTOR

Feel free to contact Pastor John:

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Email: [pastorjohnparille@gmail.com](mailto:pastorjohnparille@gmail.com)



### BUMC Lenten Devotional

Please find attached a PDF of the BUMC Lenten Devotional. This has been created by members of our church as well as the pastor to offer a daily devotional that you can read as we travel along our Lenten Journey together.

A special thank you to our Music Director Jessica Bardelli for the idea and then spearheading this amazing project.

Feel free to share with others in your life and may we all be transformed in Christ during this Lenten Season.

Click Here: [https://s3.amazonaws.com/mychurchwebsite/c4875/lenten\\_devotional\\_2021\\_final.pdf](https://s3.amazonaws.com/mychurchwebsite/c4875/lenten_devotional_2021_final.pdf)

## SMALL GROUPS

Join us on Monday nights at 7:00 pm for on virtual small groups! Please visit our website for more detailed information found under announcements. Below is the link to the church website

<https://www.bethelmethodist.net/>



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