



# Welcome to Bethel Presbyterian Church

February 9, 2025

Sunday School 9:15 a.m.  
Worship Service 10:30 a.m.

## BETHEL CHURCH

Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)

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Office Hours: Monday thru Thursday 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Office is CLOSED on Fridays.

### Staff

Pastor/Moderator: The Rev. Todd D. Smith

Music Director/Organist: Kirsten Fitzsimmons

Children's Youth & Family Program Coordinator: Chrissie Galliher

Office Manager: Kristen Hamann

Church Treasurer: Lynda McRee



*Our worship begins with the entering of the Light of Christ.  
Please silence all electronics and be prayerfully attentive to the quiet presence of God.  
+ indicates standing; congregational readings/responses are shown in bold print.*

Gathering and Welcome

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

**And also with you.**

Voluntary

Kirsten Fitzsimmons

Call to Worship

Laurie Falkner

LEADER: Draw near to the Lord and He will draw near to you. (James 4:8)

**PEOPLE: Let us worship God. Amen.**

Hymn #487

*When Morning Guilds the Skies*

Discipleship Moment

Time with God

Lynda McRee

Prayer of Confession

**O God, since answering Christ's call to discipleship, we see the pattern of our lives differently. Behaviors and words acceptable before are no longer appropriate. Opportunities of kindness that were ignored, now call us to respond with caring we earned from Christ. However, sinful things still shadow and tempt us, and we sometimes yield. Forgive the sinful patterns we find hard to shake and lead us into stronger and more faithful ways to follow you. We ask it in the name of the One who saved us, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

*(Silent prayer of confession)*

***The Lord's Prayer***

Assurance of Pardon

Dr. George Toole

Gloria Patri

# Movie Night - March 1



The Bethel Presbyterian Women's Group Presents Movie Night  
Saturday, March 1, 2024 at 6 PM, Potluck Dinner at 5 PM



## Bethel Church Spaghetti Dinner

Saturday ~ April 5th

5:00-7:30 p.m.

Mark your calendars for this fun filled evening  
hosted by the Bethel Men's Association.

They will be preparing delicious Italian cuisine  
accompanied by the entertainment of  
Karaoke Music with Susie Horn.

Adults - \$15 per person Children 12 & Under - \$10  
Take-out will be available.

## Church Leadership

**Elders (Session)** -- Meet 3rd Thursday  
each month

2025	2026	2027
Margie Fielder	Pete Capozzoli	Marsha Brooks
Carmie Messenger	Bob Dennison	Dave Hinkley
Gary Lowe	Charles Henry	Krista Bachelor

**Deacons** -- Meet 1st Monday each  
month

2025	2026	2027
Donna Jones	Pat Chlebda	Rebecca Smith
Terri Schwarz	Rebecca Comatz	Lynda McRee
MaryLee Swift	Jen Seiler	Jane Burgess
Pam Sherwood	Gail Lowe	Laurie Falkner

**Trustees** -- Meet 1st Tuesday each  
month

2025	2026	2027
Dave Kirchner	Tim Sherwood	Jan Berlage
Sam Fielder	Brian Calary	Bruce Bachelor
Bob Horn	Bruce Mattheiss	Greg Burgess
Steve Kauffman	Craig Messenger	R. Donald Scott

Open and Close Trustee for  
This week is Brian Calary  
Ushers this week  
Dave Hinkley and Nancy Mory

The 2025 Per Capita fee per congregation member is  
**\$42.00**

Please be sure to submit your portion  
by the end of the year.

Please write per capita in memo of check. Thank you!

+The Apostles' Creed

+ Passing the Peace

The peace of Christ be with you.

**And also with you.**

Children's Lesson

Chrissie Galliher

Prayer for Illumination

Laurie Falkner

First Lesson

1 Kings 3:7-9

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Second Lesson

Acts 15:36-40

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

"The Unpredictable Path of Discipleship"

Rev. Dr. George Toole

Hymn #387

*Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us*

Prayers of the People

Steve Kauffman

Sacrament of Holy Communion

Offertory

*What Wondrous Love is This*

Chancel Choir

+ Doxology 592

+ Hymn # 478

*Praise My Soul, the King of Heaven*

+ Benediction

Dr. George Toole

Postlude

Kirsten Fitzsimmons

# Announcements

## **This Week at Bethel:**

Last Week's attendance 122/(30)

February 9nd - Adult Zoom Bible Study, 6:00 pm

February 10rd - BWG Bible Study, Foyer @ 10-11am

February 11th - Choir Practice, Sanctuary @ 6:30 pm

February 11th - Bridge Game, Fellowship Hall @ 6:30 pm

February 11th - Music and Worship, Foyer @ 4:30pm

Pastor Todd's office hours: February 10rd, 10-2pm, February 12th, 12:30-3:30pm, February 14th, 10-2pm

## **Food Drive - February**

The deacons will be sponsoring a food drive for February to benefit Mason Dixon. They need cereal, canned food soups, stew, spaghetti sauce, spam, tuna, chili etc.

Let's fill the sanctuary!

## **Mason Dixon - Fuel Fund**

Thank you for your continued support of your local community with donations to The Fuel Fund of Mason Dixon. Please make checks out to Bethel with Fuel Fund in the memo.

## **Upcoming Events**

- Robinson Luncheon - February 16th
- Hunt Club @ Bethel - February 19th
- Annual Report Meeting - February 23rd
- Movie Night and Potluck - March 1
- Coffee Hour Deacons - March 10
- New Members Class - Early March
- Spaghetti Dinner - April 5th

# Bethel Joys & Concerns:

**Happy Birthday:** Travis Galliher, George Cowman, Ben DiBastiani

**Happy Anniversary:** Keith & Kristin Comer

## **Please keep the following in your prayers this week:**

Ryder Morrison

Penny Goode

Family of Zack Kinhart

Family of Willa Harkins

Susan Wyatt

Heidi Nash

Becca Smith

Betty Jane Foard

Mary Martha Rutledge

Marylin Bradford

Carolyn Mattheiss

Christine Zurenko Friend of Dan & Mary

Beth Scott

Tom Raab

Family of Jimmy Laird

Myla Mann

Nancy Berigtold

Jack Rogers

Barbara Montfort and family

Shirley Grove Friend of Scotts

John Sullivan

Darlene Shuttlesworth, Sister of Nancy Cowman

Linda Berberich- Sam Brooks Sister

Brian - Cousin of Amy Kauffman

Bob Jacobs. friend of Nancy Alexander

Jane Wilson Branham friend of Nancy Alexander



Please continue to use the prayer cards  
in the back of the pews for prayer requests.  
You may also email the office.