



BETHEL CHURCH

Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)

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Monday 8:30-12:30 pm; Tuesday 8:00-4:00 pm

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Staff

Pastor/Moderator: Rev. Steve Nofel

Music Director/Organist: Kirsten Fitzsimmons

Children's Youth & Family Program Coordinator: Chrissie Galliher

Office Manager: Kelly McLaughlin

Church Treasurer: Bruce Batchelor

Online Giving



Welcome to Bethel Presbyterian Church

November 9, 2025

Worship Service 10:30 a.m.



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 and peace of our Lord Jesus Christ is with you. **And also with you.**

Announcements

Minute for Church Pastor Steve / The Session

Voluntary / Lighting of the Candles

Call to Worship Steve Kauffman

Leader: Equip us, God, for the work of ministry.
People: Equip us, God, to journey with Jesus through life’s uncertain paths.
Leader: Equip us, God, with maturity that comes from knowing you.
People: Equip us, God, to speak the truth in love even when it’s uncomfortable.
Leader: Equip us, God, to worship in spirit and in truth.
People: Equip us, God. We thank you for all you ask of us and all we receive from you.

+ Hymn #150 Come, Christians Join to Sing

Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart. We have failed to be your obedient church. We have not always done your will, we have broken your law, we have rebelled against your love. We have not loved our neighbors, and we have refused to hear the cry of the needy. Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

(Silent prayer of confession)

Assurance of Pardon Pastor Steve

Leader: Believe the Good News of the Gospel.
People: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

+ Gloria Patri

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 Batchelor

Deacons

Meet 1st Monday each month

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

Trustees

Meet 1st Tuesday each month

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

Open and Close Trustee for
This week is Tim Sherwood
Ushers this week
Matt & Jennifer Seiler

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!

Bethel Concerns

Please keep the following in your prayers this week:

Kay Geisler, friend of Gail Lowe
Kathy Mullins Jones, friend of Kristin Comer
Chuck King, friend of Nancy & Jack Mory
Carolyn Mattheiss, wife of Bruce Mattheiss
Gail Lowe
Tucker Edwards, 11 yr. old fighting cancer, friend of Avalyn Comer
Jeff Frith, neighbor of Dave Hinkley
Patty Mory, sister of Jack Mory
Bonnie Six, friend of Don Scott
Kristen Hamann & family on the death of their son
Thomas Smith
Chrissie Galliher
Sam Brooks
Anne O'Neill, mother of Eric Benson



Organ flowers are in memory of
Evelyn Cairnes' birthday
with love from her family



+ The Apostles' Creed		
+ Passing the Peace	The peace of Christ is with you. And also with you.	
Time with Young Disciples		Chrissie Galliher
Prayer for Illumination		Steve Kauffman
First Lesson	Mark 10:17-22	
	This is the Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.	
Second Lesson	Acts 6:1-6	
	This is the Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.	
Sermon	That Guy Was Stephen	Pastor Steve
+ Hymn #118	<i>The Day of Resurrection</i>	
Sharing of Joys & Concerns		
Prayers of the People		Steve Kauffman
The Lord's Prayer		
Offertory	<i>Here I Am, Lord</i>	Chancel Choir
+ Doxology 592		
+ Prayer of Dedication		
+ Hymn #389	<i>O Jesus I Have Promised</i>	
+ Benediction		Pastor Steve
Postlude		



Zoom Sunday Study
November 2, 9, 16, 23
7pm – 8pm

Led by Pastor Steve Nofel

Based on the book, “Experiencing God: Unlock Your Distinct Way of Connecting with God” by Trey Dixon.

“This short, easy to read book highlights how we can feel God's presence in our daily lives. It helps you discover your touchpoints in this spiritual quest by introducing the ten primary pathways to experiencing God: Worship and Immersing in His glory.”

Dixon explores ten ways to connect with God.

- Prayer:** Engaging in personal dialogue with the God.
- Community:** Finding strength and fellowship among believers.
- Scripture:** Seeking guidance and comfort in God’s words.
- Giving:** Expressing love through generosity.
- Serving:** Acting as our Lord’s hands and feet in the world.
- Nature:** Observing God’s majesty in the world around us.
- Creating:** Reflecting God’s beauty through our creativity.
- Teaching:** Sharing and gaining wisdom.
- Tradition:** Honoring our spiritual heritage

All are welcome. Be on the lookout for links to purchase the book, the Zoom link and a short survey to get our conversation started.

November 2025						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2 9am Breakfast Bunch 9:15am Sunday School 10:30am All Saints Service / Communion 11:30am Coffee Hour 7pm Zoom Sunday Study	3 10am BWG Bible Study 7pm Deacons Mtg.	4 AARP using parking lot 6pm Choir Practice 6:30pm Bridge Game 7pm Trustees Mtg.	5 AARP using parking lot 7pm Special Session Mtg.	6	7	8
9 9:15am Sunday School 10:30am Worship 12pm Bethel Men's Chorus Practice 6pm 4-H Meeting	10 10am BWG Bible Study 1pm AARP Board Mtg. 7pm Nom. Committee	11 3:45pm Mission Mtg. 4:30pm Worship/Music Mtg. 6pm Choir Practice 6:30pm Bridge Game	12 AARP using parking lot	13 6pm Outreach Mtg. 7pm Finance Mtg.	14	15
16 9am Breakfast Bunch 9:15am Sunday School 10:30am Worship 12pm Bethel Men's Chorus Practice 12pm Christian Ed Mtg 1:30pm Eagle Scout 7pm Zoom Sunday Study	17 10am BWG Bible Study	18 8am Thanksgiving Food Boxes (Christ Our King) 6pm Choir Practice 6pm Sunday School Family Thanksgiving 6:30pm Bridge Game	19 7pm Website Mtg.	20 7pm Session Mtg.	21	22
23 9:15am Sunday School 10:30am Worship 7pm Zoom Sunday Study	24 10am BWG Bible Study 7pm Safety & Security Mtg.	25 6pm Choir Practice 6:30pm Bridge Game	26	27 	28	29
30 10:30am Worship 11:30am Advent Luncheon 4pm Jarrettsville Tree Lighting 7pm Zoom Sunday Study						

Announcements

This Week at Bethel:

Last Week's attendance – 88/(30)

November 10th – Women's Bible Study @ 10:00 am

November 10th – AARP Board meeting @ 1:00 pm

November 10th – Nominating Committee meeting @ 7:00 pm

November 11th – Mission meeting @ 3:45 pm

November 11th – Worship & Music Committee meeting @ 4:30 pm

November 11th – Choir Practice @ 6:00 pm

November 11th – Bridge Game, Fellowship Hall @ 6:30 pm

November 13th – Outreach & Growth Committee meeting @ 6:00 pm

November 13th – Finance Committee meeting @ 7:00 pm

November 16th – Breakfast Bunch @ 9:00 am

November 16th – Sunday School @ 9:15 am

November 16th – Worship Service, Sanctuary @ 10:30 am

November 16th – Bethel Men's Chorus Practice @ 12:00 pm

November 16th – Christian Education meeting @ 12:00 pm

November 16th – Eagle Scout Ceremony @ 1:30 pm

November 16th – Zoom Sunday Study @ 7:00 pm

UPCOMING EVENTS

- 2025 Christmas Fundraiser – now through Nov. 16th (*forms in the foyer*)
- Zoom Sunday Study – November 16th, 23rd, and 30th
- Shoe Tree starting – November 16th
- Thanksgiving Food Boxes – November 18th (*at Christ Our King*)
- Sunday School Family Thanksgiving – November 18th
- Advent Luncheon – November 30th
- NO SUNDAY SCHOOL – November 30th
- Jarrettsville Community Tree Lighting – November 30th
- Blitzen Bingo – December 6th
- Wreaths Across America (Troop 265) – December 13th
- Christmas Pageant – December 14th
- NO SUNDAY SCHOOL – December 28th



The Thanksgiving Boxes Mission will be held on ...

Saturday, November 22nd at

Christ Our King Church

10 Lexington Road

Bel Air, Maryland

at 8:30 a.m. or 9:30 a.m.

Please go to <https://christourking.net/giving-boxes> to sign up.

Many churches from Harford, Baltimore and Cecil Counties participate in this worthy project. It is a well-represented function that everyone looks forward to each year and enjoys the reunion of seeing each other as we seek to meet our goal of assembling 1,200+ boxes of food.

Thank You

Thank you so much for all your prayers and kind gestures during this most difficult time for our family. God continued to pour out his love and tender mercies on our family as we navigate the impossible. Please keep lifting us up as those prayers are what are sustaining us. Most of all, remember Grace and Bethany as the road ahead is long and difficult.

Thank you, Kristen Hamann

Shoe Tree



This
Christmas season,
we invite you to help
support Mason-Dixon Community
Services through our annual

Shoe Tree outreach! Our Shoe Tree,
that will be located in the back of the church,
will be decorated with empty envelopes representing
children in our community who are in need of shoes.
Simply take an envelope from the tree, place your
monetary donation inside, and return it in the offering
plate during worship. All donations will be used to
purchase new shoes for local children and families served
by Mason-Dixon Community Services.

Your generosity will help bring warmth, comfort, and
hope to those in need this holiday season.

Donations will be collected starting **November 16th.**

Thank you for sharing God's love in such
a meaningful way!



- Gail Lowe – Nov. 11th
- Joseph “Joey” Comaty – Nov. 12th
- Thomas Mason – Nov. 13th
- Dan Scott – Nov. 13th
- Malcolm Daughton – Nov. 14th
- Sean Dietz – Nov. 14th
- Steve Huster – Nov. 15th

Card Shower



Susan Wyatt
Autumn House East
2618 E. Market Street, #E4
East York, PA 17402

She loves to receive cards and letters



- Matthew & Jennifer Seiler – Nov. 10th

The poster has a dark green background. At the top, there is a string of colorful Christmas lights and a large red bow. The title '3rd Annual Blitzen Bingo' is written in a large, white, serif font. Below the title, 'December 6th' is written in a bold, red, sans-serif font. Further down, 'Tickets \$25 ; \$30 At Door' is in red, 'Doors open at 5pm' is in red, and 'Game starts at 6pm' is in red. Below these, 'Bingo round prizes : \$50 Gift card to a local store or restaurant' and 'Door prizes will be awarded and 50/50 Raffle' are in red. Then, 'Food & Bingo supplies will be available for purchase' and 'Only 100 tickets available for purchase; contact churchoffice@bethel-md.org or 410-692-5282' are in orange. Finally, 'To purchase via venmo send to Bethel Presbyterian: @BPCWhiteHall-MD' is in orange. At the bottom, there are several wrapped gifts in red, green, and gold, and a QR code for Venmo. The text 'Bethel Presbyterian Church 4135 Norrisville Road White Hall, MD' is in white.

3rd Annual Blitzen Bingo

December 6th

Tickets \$25 ; \$30 At Door

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Game starts at 6pm

Bingo round prizes : \$50 Gift card to a local store or restaurant

Door prizes will be awarded and 50/50 Raffle

Food & Bingo supplies will be available for purchase

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venmo

The poster has a white background with a festive border of pine branches, snowflakes, and Christmas ornaments. The text 'join us!' is written in a blue, cursive font, with a small yellow Christmas tree icon below it. Below this, 'Bethel Carolers wanted for the' is in a blue, sans-serif font. Then, 'JARRETTSVILLE COMMUNITY' is in a large, blue, serif font, and 'Tree Lighting' is in a blue, cursive font. Below this, the date 'Sunday 4pm - 6 pm | 30 | November 2025' is written in a blue, sans-serif font. Then, 'Family event - Children and Adults - No talent necessary' and 'Just your enthusiasm!' are in a blue, sans-serif font. Below this, 'We will sing for about 30 minutes' and 'Details regarding what time are forthcoming.' are in a blue, sans-serif font, followed by 'Call Andi Holmes 410-343-3277 (landline - no text)' in a blue, sans-serif font. Finally, 'Free cookies and hot chocolate, Santa, The Grinch & Fireworks!' and 'Sponsored by Jarrettsville Lions Club' are in a blue, sans-serif font.

join us!

Bethel Carolers wanted for the

JARRETTSVILLE COMMUNITY *Tree Lighting*

Sunday | 30 | November
4pm - 6 pm | 2025

Family event - Children and Adults - No talent necessary
Just your enthusiasm!

We will sing for about 30 minutes
Details regarding what time are forthcoming.
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Free cookies and hot chocolate, Santa, The Grinch & Fireworks!
Sponsored by Jarrettsville Lions Club

Advent Luncheon



Sunday, November 30, 2025

Join us after the Worship Service for:

*Soup, BBQ & bread

*Advent Devotional

*A sing-along with your favorite carols

*Music provided by Mary Lee Swift

Please sign up for food in the foyer

RSVP to Church office by Nov 23rd



Saturday, December 13th marks this year's **Wreaths Across America** event. Scouts BSA Troop 265 will once again lead the ceremony and place wreaths on the graves of over 170 veterans resting in Bethel's cemetery.

The Scouts invite and deeply appreciate your support in sponsoring a wreath for \$17.00, helping ensure that every veteran is remembered and honored this Christmas season.

The deadline to sponsor a wreath for inclusion in this year's ceremony is November 30th.

Details about the December event schedule will be shared as the date approaches.

To sponsor, please use the provided link, QR code, or paper form (located in the foyer), and be sure to include Bethel's location code: MDBPCC.

Thank you for your continued generosity and support in honoring our heroes.

<https://wreathsassamerica.org/pages/170763/Overview>

