

BETHEL CHURCH

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Office Hours

Monday 8:30–12:30 pm; Tuesday 8:00–4:00 pm Wednesday 1:30–7:00 pm; Thursday 8:00–4:00 pm Office is CLOSED on Fridays

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 23, 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 Greg Burgess / Safety & Security

Voluntary / Lighting of the Candles

Call to Worship Laurie Falkner

Leader: The Lord is a great God who says: "I am the Alpha and Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end."

People: Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!

+ Hymn #473 For the Beauty of the Earth

Prayer of Confession

Righteous God, you have crowned Jesus Christ as Lord of all. We confess that we are slow to acknowledge his rule. We give allegiance to the powers of this world, and fail to be governed by justice and love. In your mercy, forgive us. Raise us to acclaim him as ruler of all, that we may be loyal ambassadors, obeying the commands of our Lord Jesus Christ.

(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

+ The Apostles' Creed

Church Leadership

Elders (Session)

Meet 3rd Thursday each month

2025 Margie Fielder Carmie Messenger Gary Lowe	2026 Pete Capozzoli Bob Dennison Charles Henry	2027 Marsha Brooks Dave Hinkley Krista Batchelor
	Deacons	
	Meet 1st Monday each month	
2025 Donna Jones Terri Schwarz MaryLee Swift Pam Sherwood	2026 Pat Chlebda Rebecca Comaty Jen Seiler Gail Lowe	2027 Rebecca Smith Jane Burgess Laurie Falkner
	Trustees Meet 1st Tuesday each month	
2025 Dave Kirchner Sam Fielder	2026 Tim Sherwood Brian Calary	2027 Jan Berlage Bruce Batchelor

Open and Close Trustee for This week is Tim Sherwood Ushers this week Steve Kauffman & Terri Schwarz

Bruce Mattheiss

Craig Messenger

Greg Burgess

R. Donald Scott

Bob Horn

Steve Kauffman

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

Carolyn Bowers, friend of Andi Holmes

Susan Wyatt

Elizabeth Dale, Aunt of Will & Sarah Behner

Barb, friend of Steve Kauffman

Dennis Kirkwood

The Eberwein family on the death of Ginny

Eric Benson & family on the death of Eric's mother, Anne O'Neill

John Louderback

Steve Bevard, friend of Bethel & member of AARP



Please continue to use the prayer cards in the back of the pews for prayer requests. You may also email the office. + Passing the Peace The peace of Christ is with you. And also with you. Time with Young Disciples Chrissie Galliher Prayer for Illumination Laurie Falkner First Lesson Jeremiah 23:5-6 This is the Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God. Second Lesson Luke 23:26-43 This is the Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God. The Lord Our Righteousness Pastor Steve Sermon + Hymn #543 Abide With Me Sharing of Joys & Concerns Prayers of the People Laurie Falkner The Lord's Prayer Offertory Sing to the Lord of Harvest Bethel Men's Choir + Doxology 592 + Prayer of Dedication Let All Things Now Living + Hymn #554 + Benediction Pastor Steve

Postlude



November 2, 16, 23, 30

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.

Announcements

This Week at Bethel:

Last Week's attendance - 82/(20)

November 24th - Women's Bible Study @ 10:00 am

November 24th - AARP meeting @ 1:00 pm

November 24th - Safety & Security Committee meeting @ 7:00 pm

November 25th - Choir Practice @ 6:00 pm

November 25th - Bridge Game, Fellowship Hall @ 6:30 pm

November 26th - Salem Lutheran Thanksgiving Eve Service @ 2:00 pm

November 30th - NO SUNDAY SCHOOL

November 30th - Worship Service, Sanctuary @ 10:30 am

November 30th - Advent Luncheon @ 11:45 am

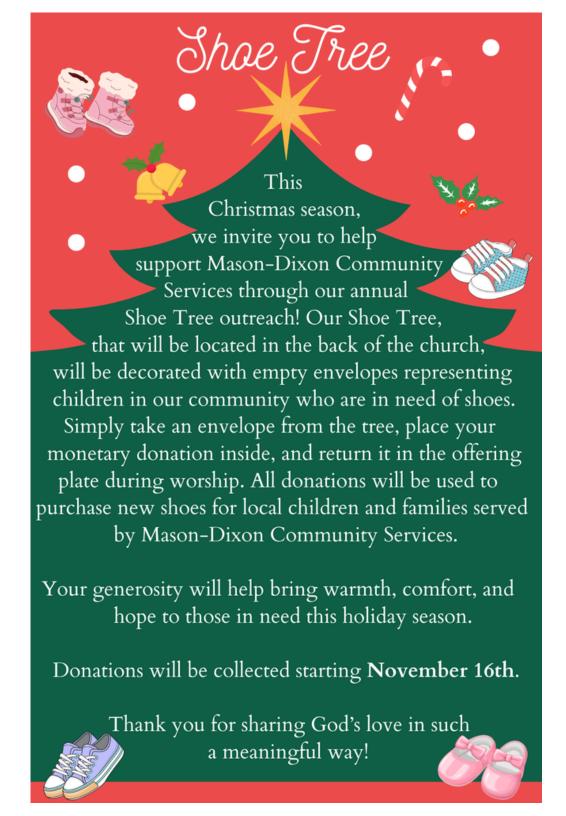
November 30th - Jarrettsville Tree Lighting @ 4:00 pm

November 30th - Zoom Sunday Study @ 7:00 pm



- Blitzen Bingo December 6th
- Wreaths Across America (Troop 265) December 13th
- Christmas Pageant December 14th
- Family Christmas Service December 24th
- Candlelight Christmas Service December 24th
- NO SUNDAY SCHOOL December 28th
- Worship Service with Rev. Renee Mackey December 28th

2025 Church Finances	
	Through October
Tithes and Offerings	\$158,528
Investment withdraws	\$41,710
Rentals/other income	\$69,471
Total income	\$269,710
Expenses	\$302,343
(Deficient) or Surplus	(\$32,633)







- David Kirchner Nov. 24th
- Dylan Sambor Nov. 27th
- Betty Rogers Nov. 28th
- Donna Jones Nov. 30th

Card Shower

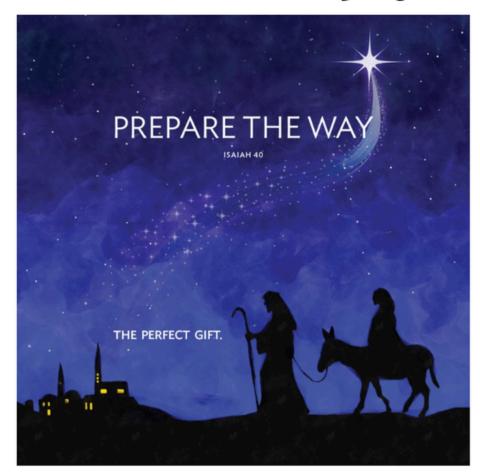


- Marylyn Bradford
- George Denbow
- Lillian Skidmore
- Polly Winskowski
- Shirley Gillis
- Dr. Moe Howard



- Maurice & Ruth Howard Nov. 25th
- George & Donna Toole Nov. 27th

Christmas Joy



Sunday, December 7, 2025

The Christmas Joy Offering provides assistance to current and retired church workers and their families in their time of need, and develops our future leaders at Presbyterian-related schools and colleges equipping communities of color.

Advent Luncheon



Sunday, November 30, 2025

Join us after the Worship Service for:

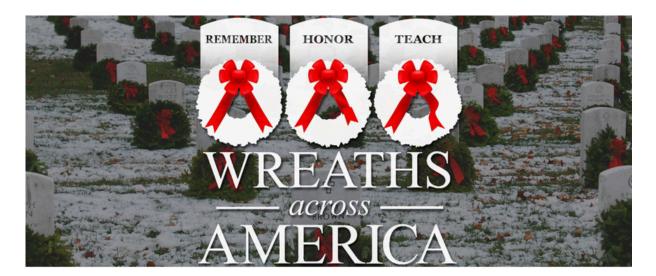
*Soup, BBQ & bread

*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://wreathsacrossamerica.org/pages/170763/Overview



3rd Annual Blitzen Bingo December 6th Tickets \$25; \$30 At Door Doors open at 5pm

Game starts at 6pm

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 Only 100 tickets available for purchase; contact churchoffice@bethel-md.org or 410-692-5282 To purchase via venmo send to Bethel Presbyterian: @BPCWhiteHall-MD

