

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 30, 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

Voluntary / Lighting of the Church Candles

Lighting of the Advent Candle

MaryLee Swift & Joe Ostrowski

Call to Worship Tim Sherwood

Leader: Advent has arrived.

People: Let us together prepare the way of the Lord.

+ Hymn #2 Come Thou, Long-Expected Jesus

Prayer of Confession

We confess that we are impatient disciples. Forbid that we should lose hope when depending upon you and be led astray. Forgive, O Lord, our wandering ways in which we trust in others or just plain give up. With your healing forgiveness, grant us a renewed sense of your presence and excitement about living lives that imitate Jesus' life and teaching. We ask it all in the name of your greatest gift. Amen.

(Silent prayer of confession)

Assurance of Pardon Rev. Dr. George Toole

Leader: Let us trust in the forgiveness of Jesus.

People: It is in God's grace that we receive pardon.

- + 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	2026	2027	
Dave Kirchner	Tim Sherwood	Jan Berlage	
Sam Fielder	Brian Calary	Bruce Batchelor	
Bob Horn	Bruce Mattheiss	Greg Burgess	

Open and Close Trustee for This week is Tim Sherwood Ushers this week Nancy Mory & Pam Sherwood

Craig Messenger

R. Donald Scott

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

Thomas Smith

Sam Brooks

Carolyn Bowers, friend of Andi Holmes

Susan Wyatt

Elizabeth Dale, Aunt of Will & Sarah Behner

Barb, friend of Steve Kauffman

Dennis Kirkwood, recovering from knee replacement surgery

The Eberwein family on the death of Ginny

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

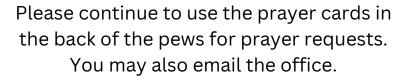
John Louderback

Steve Bevard, friend of Bethel & member of AARP

Sue Hinkley

Tom & MaryLee Swift

Mr. & Mrs. Slevin, Tom's parents



+ Passing the Peace The peace of Christ is with you. And also with you. Time with Young Disciples Chrissie Galliher Prayer for Illumination Tim Sherwood First Lesson Isaiah 40:1-11 This is the Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God. Second Lesson Mark 1:1-8 This is the Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God. Hope From A Strange Man Rev. Dr. George Toole Sermon + Hymn #9 O Come, O Come, Emmanuel Sharing of Joys & Concerns Prayers of the People Tim Sherwood The Lord's Prayer Offertory Chancel Choir + Doxology 592 + Prayer of Dedication Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence + Hymn #5

Rev. Dr. George Toole

+ Benediction

Postlude

Announcements

This Week at Bethel:

Last Week's attendance - 83/(8)

December 1st - Women's Bible Study @ 10:00 am

December 1st - Deacons Holiday Pary @ 7:00 pm

December 2nd - Choir Practice @ 6:00 pm

December 2nd - Bridge Game, Fellowship Hall @ 6:30 pm

December 2nd - Trustees Meeting @ 7:00 pm

December 4-5th - AARP using parking lot

December 6th - Blitzen Bingo @ 5:00 pm

December 7th - Breakfast Bunch @ 9:00 am

December 7th - Sunday School @ 9:15 am

December 7th - Worship / Communion @ 10:30 am



- Wreaths Across America (Troop 265) December 13th
- Christmas Pageant December 14th
- Congregational Meeting December 14th
- Elkridge Harford Hunt Club event December 22nd
- 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	<u>\$302,343</u>
(Deficient) or Surplus	(\$32,633)



The nationwide Wreaths Across America event is **Saturday**, **December 13**, **2025**, **ceremony begins at 12 noon**.

Parishioners planning to attend should **arrive between 11:30 and 11:45**, gather near the flagpole, and are asked not to park along the cemetery driveway.

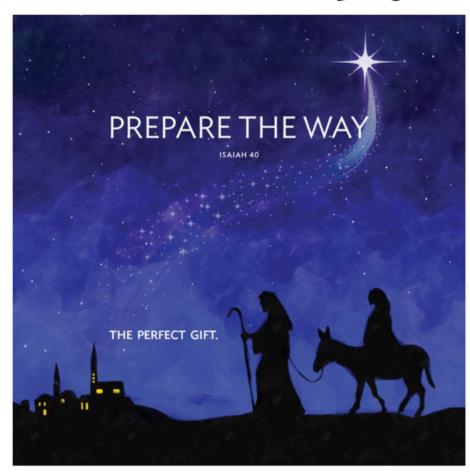
Parishioners who wish to place a wreath on a veteran marker for their family member will be invited to do so during the ceremony.

Scouts of America Troop 265 thanks the parishioners for their support to help provide wreaths for all the veterans' graves at Bethel.

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



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.

November 2025	Saturday	29	December 2025	6 5pm Blitzen Bingo	13 12pm Wreaths Across America	20	27	
	Friday	28		AARP using parking lot 8am Set up for bingo	12	19	26	
	Thursday	24 26		4 AARP using parking lot	7pm Session Mtg.	18 7pm Session Mtg.	25 6pm Outreach Mtg. 7pm Finance Mtg.	
	Wednesday	26 2pm Salem Lutheran service		3	10 6pm Outreach Mtg. 7pm Finance Mtg.	17	24 5pm Family Service 11pm Candlelight Service	31
	Tuesday	25 6pm Choir Practice 6:30pm Bridge Game		2 6pm Choir Practice 6:30pm Bridge Game 7pm Trustees Mtg.	9 3.24pm Mission Meeting 4.30pm Worship & Music Mtg 6pm Choir Practice 6.30pm Bridge Game	16 6pm Choir Practice 6:30pm Bridge Game 7pm Christian Education Mtg.	23 6pm Choir Practice 6:30pm Bridge Game	30 6pm Choir Practice 6:30pm Bridge Game
	Monday	24 10am BWG Bible Study 1pm AARP Meeting 7pm Safety & Security Mtg.		1 10am BWG Bible Study 7pm Deacons Holiday Party	8 10am BWG Bible Study 1pm AARP Board Mfg	15 10am BWG Bible Study	22 10am BWG Bible Study 11am Hunt Club Event 1pm AARP Mtg.	29 10am BWG Bible Study
	Sunday	23 9:15am Sunday School 10:30am Worship 7pm Zoom Sunday Study	30 10:30am Worship 11:30am Advent Luncheon 3pm Jarrettsville Tree Lighting		7 Communion 9am Breakfast Bunch 9:15 am Sunday school 10:30am Worship	14 9:15 am Sunday school 10:30am Worship / Lessons & Carols 11:45am Congregational Mtg 1:30pm Troop 809 Mtg 6pm 4-H Mtg	21 9am Breakfast Bunch 9:15 am Sunday school 10:30am Worship	28 10:30am Worship with Rev. Renee Mackey



- Donna Jones Nov. 30th
- Steve Comaty Dec. 2nd
- Kristin Kirkwood Dec. 3rd
- Lisa Calary Dec. 4th
- Noah Gravell Dec. 5th
- William Scott Dec. 5th
- George Denbow Dec. 6th

Card Shower



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



We extend our heartfelt thanks to all Bethel parishioners who supported Wreaths Across America on behalf of Troop 265. Thanks to your generosity, we have received all the wreath sponsorships needed to honor every veteran resting at Bethel this year. Your continued support ensures that their service and sacrifice are never forgotten.

3rd Annual Blitzen Bingo December 6th

Tickets \$25; \$30 At Door

Doors open at 5pm Came 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
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

