



### **BETHEL CHURCH**

Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)

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#### **Office Hours**

Tuesday 8:00–5:00 pm

Thursday 8:00–5:00 pm

#### **Staff**

Music Director/Organist: Kirsten Fitzsimmons

Children's Youth & Family Program Coordinator: Chrissie Galliher

Office Manager: Kelly McLaughlin

Church Treasurer: Bruce Batchelor

Online Giving



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# Welcome to Bethel Presbyterian Church

January 18, 2026

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

Call to Worship Tim Sherwood

Leader: Send out your light and truth and let them lead us.  
**People: We come to worship you, O God, with songs of praise and lives of dedication to Christ.**

+ Hymn #376 *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*

Prayer of Confession

**O God of surprises, you have come to us with a bold love in Jesus and infused our lives with expectation. Yet, we are attracted by the lesser things of this world. Physical possessions beyond our actual needs capture our attention. The praise of others sometimes becomes more important than our being worthy of your praise. Occasionally, our hymns become mere words rather than expressions of our praise. Forgive us and by your pardon make our upside-down lives right side up again. In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.**

*(Silent prayer of confession)*

Assurance of Pardon Rev. Dr. George Gray Toole

Leader: We gratefully acknowledge the healing forgiveness your pardon provides.  
**People: Being forgiven, restored, and empowered by God’s kindness, we go forth in Christ’s service.**

+ Gloria Patri

Church Leadership

Elders (Session)

Meet 3rd Thursday each month

2026	2027	2028
Pete Capozzoli	Marsha Brooks	Margie Fielder
Bob Dennison	Dave Hinkley	Robert Horn
Charles Henry	Krista Batchelor	R. Donald Scott

Deacons

Meet 1st Monday each month

2026	2026	2028
Pat Chlebda	Rebecca Smith	Pam Sherwood
Rebecca Comaty	Jane Burgess	Lisa Calary
Jen Seiler	Laurie Falkner	Gail Thomas
Gail Lowe		Amy Ford

Trustees

Meet 1st Tuesday each month

2026	2026	2028
Tim Sherwood	Jan Berlage	Steve Kauffman
Brian Calary	Bruce Batchelor	Steve Comaty
Bruce Mattheiss	Greg Burgess	Sam Fielder
Craig Messenger		Dave Kirchner

Open and Close Trustee for  
This week is Steve Kauffman  
Ushers this week  
Bruce Mattheiss & Pam Sherwood

The 2026 Per Capita fee per congregation member is **\$45.00**  
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:**

Carolyn Mattheiss, wife of Bruce Mattheiss  
Tucker Edwards, 11 yr. old fighting cancer, friend of Avalyn Comer  
Bonnie Six, friend of Don Scott  
Sam Brooks  
Carolyn Bowers, friend of Andi Holmes  
Susan Wyatt  
John Louderback  
Steve Bevard, friend of Bethel & member of AARP  
Mr. & Mrs. Slevin, Tom’s parents  
The family of Betty Batchelor  
Thomas Garrison  
Sarah Milich  
Maddie, great-niece of Gary & Gail Lowe  
Travis Johnson, nephew of Pat & Chris Chlebdia  
Kathy Mullins Jones  
Fred Miller, friend of Steve Kauffman  
Art Gompf, friend of Steve Kauffman  
David Rose



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

+ The Apostles’ Creed	
+ Passing the Peace	The peace of Christ is with you. <b>And also with you.</b>
Time with Young Disciples	Chrissie Galliher
Prayer for Illumination	Tim Sherwood
First Lesson	Psalm 63:1-8
	This is the Word of the Lord. <b>Thanks be to God.</b>
Second Lesson	John 1:35-42
	This is the Word of the Lord. <b>Thanks be to God.</b>
Sermon	Flabbergasted and Super Excited      Rev. Dr. George Gray Toole
+ Hymn (page 3 of bulletin)	<i>I Come to the Garden Alone</i>
Sharing of Joys & Concerns	
Prayers of the People	Tim Sherwood
<b>The Lord’s Prayer</b>	
Offertory	
+ Doxology 592	
+ Prayer of Dedication	
+ Hymn #371	<i>Lift High the Cross</i>
+ Benediction	Rev. Dr. George Gray Toole
Postlude	

# I Come to the Garden Alone

*In the Garden*



1. I come to the gar-den a-lone, while the  
2. He speaks, and the sound of his voice is so  
3. I'd stay in the gar-den with him though the



dew is still on the ros-es; and the  
sweet the birds hush their sing-ing, and the  
night a-round me be fall-ing, but he



voice I hear, fall-ing on my ear, the Son of God dis-mel-o-dy that he gave to me with-in my heart is  
bids me go; through the voice of woe his voice to me is

*Refrain*



clos-es.  
ring-ing. And he walks with me, and he talks with me, and he  
call-ing.



tells me I am his own, and the joy we share, as we




tar-ry there, none oth-er has ev-er known.

## January 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>18</b> 9:15am Sunday School 10:30am Worship Service	<b>19</b> 10am BWG Bible Study 6:30pm Christian Ed Mtg. 6:30pm Troop 265 (Office)	<b>20</b> 6pm Choir Practice 6:30pm Bridge Game	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> AARP trip
<b>25</b> 9am Breakfast Bunch 9:15am Sunday School 10:30am Worship Service	<b>26</b> 10am BWG Bible Study	<b>27</b> 6pm Choir Practice 6:30pm Bridge Game	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>
AARP Trip						

## February 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>1</b> 9am Breakfast Bunch 9:15am Sunday School 10:30am Worship Service	<b>2</b> 10am BWG Bible Study 7pm Deacons Mtg.	<b>3</b> 6pm Choir Practice 6:30pm Bridge Game	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>
AARP Trip						
<b>8</b> 9:15am Sunday School 10:30am Worship Service 11:30am Coffee Hour 6pm \$-H Mtg.	<b>9</b> 10am BWG Bible Study 1pm AARP Board Mtg.	<b>10</b> 3:45pm Mission Mtg. 4:30pm Worship & Music 6pm Choir Practice 6:30pm Bridge Game 7pm Trustee Mtg.	<b>11</b> 7pm Finance Mtg.	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> 
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# Announcements

## **This Week at Bethel:**

Last Week's attendance - 95/(31)

January 19th - Women's Bible Study @ 10:00 am

January 19th - Christian Education Meeting @ 6:30 pm

January 19th - Troop 265 Meeting, Church office @ 6:30 pm

January 20th - Choir Practice @ 6:00 pm

January 20th - Bridge Game, Fellowship Hall @ 6:30 pm

January 24th - February 5th - AARP using our parking lot during trip

January 25th - Sunday School @ 9:15 am

January 25th - Worship Service @ 10:30 am



January 24th-February 5th - AARP Trip

February 8th - Coffee Hour, by Boy Scouts



- Jack Rogers - Jan. 22nd
- Jack Saneman - Jan 24th



## **Card Shower**

Sophia Smith - Jan. 10th  
4337 Madonna Road  
Street, MD 21154

Jack Rogers - Jan. 22nd  
3747 Salem Church Rd.  
Jarrettsville, MD 21084

*\*The Deacon's Committee has provided a selection of notecards in the foyer for anyone who would like to send a card.*



# NEW MEMBERS CLASS

**January 25, 2026  
9:00 a.m.**

If you feel led to learn more about our church family or are considering becoming a member, we would love to have you join us.

To sign up or ask any questions, please call the church office at 410-692-5282.



## Bethel's Helping Hands

Community Outreach with Heart

Bethel's Helping Hands is a caring, needs-based ministry created to support our neighbors who may be facing extra burdens right now. Whether due to age, health, limited resources, or simply being unable to manage certain tasks alone, we want to offer practical help with a compassionate heart.

### Ways We Can Help

- Light household chores
- Small home or yard tasks
- Simple maintenance needs
- Organization projects
- Other small acts of care that make life a little easier

If you, or someone you know, could be blessed by this ministry, please reach out. Every request is received with kindness, respect, and confidentiality. We are honored to serve you.

Because Community Means Caring for One Another



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